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Chapter 01

The speed of the vehicles in the convoy increased as Kazuya raced towards the location of the carriage.

「Is that it!?」

Protecting the carriage there seemed to be knights wearing silvery white armor and wielding a sword and a spear, they were keeping the monsters at bay.

Aside from the knights, there also seemed to be a wizard casting various magic's out of his cane at the oncoming monsters.

However, gradually the knights were being overwhelmed.

If we don't help them quickly, they'll most likely die.

Kazuya who is watching the fight from a distance, confirms the target and then begins laying down covering fire for the knights.

「Target the insect type monsters on the right side of the wagon! Use the canister shot!」(*TLN: Canister shots are fired from tanks, they have shrapnel in them to cause maximum damage to personnel*)

Kazuya passed the orders to the crew of the M8's using a walkie talkie.

「Roger!!」

「Yes sir!!」

The M6 75mm tank gun installed on the M8 armored tank slowly turns to the right after the order was received.

It loads a canister shot and fires it at the monsters as ordered.

The monster bugs in question were over 2 metres tall with limbs that looked like a sickle stretching 3 metres. It look like a over sized mantis. It had long legs with short hair growing from it, in this way it sort of resembled a scorpion. The fired canister shot completely decimates the

monsters internal organs.

「「「「!」」」」

「Don't stop moving! Don't miss an opening, keep up the pressure!」

「Roger!」

「Understood!」

The bugs begin to pour out of the woods one after another. Suddenly, the wagon's party heard a roaring sound and saw that the bugs were exploding in a mist of blood. The knights who saw this stopped moving, but returned to their sense after being shouted at by their commander.

「Don't shoot a human by mistake!」

「「「「Yes sir!」」」」

Kazuya dealt with the bugs in the knights surroundings by shooting them with the M20 75mm recoilless rifle. The other M8 tanks also begin to get involved in the bombardment.

「Enemy approaching!」

「Shoot it dead!」

Although there was a bug that raised a loud shriek and rushed at the convoy. It was instantly shot dead by a barrage of bullets from the M2 and the other infantryman's firearms. It discharged blood from every part of it's body and then stopped moving.

「Cease fire! Cease fire!」

After the M8 tank had finished shooting, there was no longer any bugs remaining. The smell of blood and smoke was strong.

Incidently, Kazuya had met with a resident of this world unintentionally.

Kazuya begins to build up his expectations of his first meeting and orders the jeep to slowly advance, so as not to spook the knights.

Nn? Two people have come out.

As his jeep approached the wagon, Kazuya notices that two people have left the carriage.

「It's good we got here in time」

「Ha~」

「Chitose, i'm going」

「Yes, i will accompany you」

The jeep stops in front of the knights. Kazuya gets out and approaches them, accompanied by Chitose.

In case of an emergency, there was a sniper waiting nearby to kill them if anything went wrong.

.....is it a woman knight?

Kazuya confirmed that the two women were knights and so approached them. They looked surprised.

「I thank you for your assistance. I am the captain of the second imperial guards of the canary kingdom, Phyllis Gardener. This is my aide Zara Beretta, would you please tell me your name?」

Phyllis' features were very pretty. She had fair hair, golden like thread. She exhibited an atmosphere not unlike that of a samurai. However, the biggest surprise was her aide.

Although Kazuya kept quiet. He was very fascinated by Zara's animal ears, but more so by her tail which began at her hips and was swaying back and forth.

Although he felt nervous at the glances of the two beautiful women, he returned an answer immediately.

「I am Nagato Kazuya, leader of the adventuring party known as "Parabellum". This is Chitose Katayama, my aide」

Kazuya introduced himself whilst getting excited about seeing an animal person for the first time.

However, the two beautiful women who heard the introduction from

Kazuya, looked at him strangely.

「.....Pair-ee base lamb? I haven't heard of it. Beretta, what about you?」

「No, i have no knowledge of it either」

「....is that so? However, the name is sure to become popular as it belongs to an adventuring part who can annihilate a whole horde of bug monsters with surprising swiftness. That box of iron that you ride in and that weapon you can fire continuously, i have heard of something similar in the Regarisu empire. Are you perhaps from there? 」

Phyllis looked at the M8 tank and the jeep interestingly whilst saying so.

「Sadly, we are not related to the Regarisu empire」

When Kazuya denies having anything to do with the Regarisu empire, the knights aide begins to whisper to her.

「Leader, actually-」

「What? Ok, i understand, let's ask」

After exchanging a few words, Phyllis looks back with a seemingly apologetic face.

「Kazuya. Although it is painful to ask, would you be able to help our injured? We have had many casualties since the battle began and we do not have enough people to treat them」

「Ah, well that shouldn't be a problem」

「Is that true? Your kindness knows no bounds」

Phyllis floated a happy expression as she bowed deeply to Kazuya.

Afterwards, Kazuya helped treat the knight captains subordinates. Their eyes seemed to pop out of their sockets as they viewed the medics work.

They never made use of medical technology as they relied on recovery magic.

「This is wonderful, however.....medical technology on this level has

never been seen before. To not feel any pain as your skin is sewn together with a needle is completely unheard of! The speed at which these injuries will heal may be greater than that of the exclusive wizards in the royal palace. Just who are you?」

「Just an adventurer」

「.....is that so?」

Phyllis did not question him repeatedly, whether or not Kazuya revealed his identity was up to him after all.

Kazuya who had finished the injured people's healing and the burial of the dead, returned back to the group.

「It's good, the treatment is done. Will you go safely?」

When Kazuya tried to wrap things up, Phyllis began to speak.

「Ah, Kazuya wait for a moment」

「Nn, what is it?」

「I have a request for your adventuring party, Kazuya-dono」

「Is see....what is it?」

「I would like you to escort us to the capital. We don't seem to be able to reach there safely on our own」

As she said this, Phyllis glanced at the corpse of the horse. At the side of that was their smashed wagon, the groans of the injured knights could be heard.

After seeing that, Kazuya understood what she meant, they would not be able to reach the capital safely.

What should i do.....?

Phyllis began to panic as Kazuya had become silent.

「Of course, if we safely return to the capital you will receive a reward!」

「.....i would like to consult quickly with my aide, please give me a moment」

「Ah, i understand」

After consulting with Chitose for a short while, they decide to accept the request to escort the knight group to the capital.

Chapter 02

After saving the knights from the monster bugs. Kazuya and the knights moved towards the nearest town. They decided to set up camp 20 kilometers from it.

「We've been under Kazuya's care for a while....」

「Yes?」

After finishing her meal, Phyllis shows a depressed face whilst gripping her stainless steel cup.

Phyllis' carriage had been completely destroyed as it had been used to protect the knights during the bug raid. On top of that, she also lost her supply carriages and a fair number of horses.

Moreover, they couldn't replenish the food they had lost and because of the fact that they had to deal with the corpses, they would arrive at the town at dusk.

Therefore Kazuya made the decision to share their supplies with the knights.

That was the reason Phyllis was in such a depressed state.

「Don't worry about it, it's not a problem」

「If you say so. I'm in your debt again, Kazuya」

Kazuya decided to change the subject in order to dissipate Phyllis' dark aura.

「Does it taste good?」

「Oh? Well the food called curry is something I have never eaten before, yet it tastes very good. The chocolate you served after the meal was also delicious」

「I thought it might suit your taste」

The food Kazuya share with the others was curry and chocolate.

Phyllis seemed hesitant to eat the curry at first. However, after the first mouthful, she eventually gave in.

After the curry, chocolate was issued for dessert. This seemed to please the knights greatly.

As the meal drew to a close, the second in command of the knights asked 「Where did you get this food!?」 with a face full of excitement and expectation. However, Kazuya answered ambiguously, simply stating that only they could acquire it. To which, the knights face visibly fell.

After the meal had actually ended, a peaceful atmosphere descended upon the party.

Through the dinnertime conversations, Kazuya had gradually became friends with Beretta and Phyllis, to the point where they called each other by their names. (When Kazuya first tried calling Phyllis and Beretta by their first names, he felt a sudden chill running down his spine. Only to find Chitose staring at Phyllis with dark eyes) A bonfire had been set up in the center of the camp, as the soldiers and knights surrounded it. Kazuya took this opportunity to learn more about Phyllis.

「Speaking of which, why were you riding in that carriage? Where were you headed?」

Kazuya said so whilst looking at the carriage.

「.....I can't say anymore information than this. But we were on a mission, the person inside the carriage is a noble」

It was probably that the circumstances were complicated, so Kazuya decided not to probe any further.

「Why is Kazuya in such a place? Hasn't the place Kazuya come from become a den for monsters?」

「Well, well...」

「?」

Although it's true that the forest has become a den for monsters,

Kazuya cannot simply say that he has a fortified base on the outskirts of it, inside the kingdom. So his answer was deliberately ambiguous.

「The night is growing old, we should probably get to sleep」

To save himself from blurting out any secrets, Kazuya decided to cut the conversation short and retreat to bed.

「.....right. We shall do that, good night Kazuya」

「Rest well, Kazuya」

Phyllis and Beretta said their words of goodbye as Kazuya left for bed.

「You should rest too」

「Yes, master」

After the appearances of Beretta and Phyllis were no longer visible, Kazuya and Chitose both decided to get some rest.

「....uuuu.....oh.....I can't sleep.....」

Kazuya still felt restless as he lay in his bed and so decided to leave the tent and get something to drink.

「It's slightly chilly....oh?」

Exiting the tent, Kazuya spotted a shadow opening the door of the carriage and leaping out into the bush.

Who's that.....?

Kazuya removed his P38 from his lower back and moved towards the shadow's last known position.

After about ten meters of travelling silently through the bush, he came up behind the shadow and began to speak.

「You know it's dangerous if you don't tell the lookout where you're going」

「Fe!？」

The person in question was wearing a white dress. It made her childishness very prominent.

....Kazuya's appearance was badly timed.

— Chororo

「Please don't look!!」

「Sorry!!」

「Uuuu.....stop it!.....」

There was a noticeable sound coming from the girl that did not die down.

Kazuya wanted to leave that place, however he knew that the knights were doing their rounds and didn't want to get caught. Instead, he faced away.

After a long time, the sound finally died down.

「Here....」

Kazuya passed a pocket tissue pack to the girl, who took out 2-3 sheets.

「.....」

The red faced girl gingerly received the tissues a rustling sound could be heard.

「.....you can face this way now」

When Kazuya turned around slowly, he was met by a girl with a bright red face.

「I'm sorry. I really am....」

「It's ok, i shouldn't have got off of the carriage without telling someone....」

Aside from the girls bright red face, she had odd eyes of blue and green that shone like jewels. (TLN: *Heterochromia ftw!*) 「If you say so, I'm saved」

After that, the atmosphere turned silent.

What could possibly be said at such a time!?

As the silence continued, Kazuya panicked.

As it turned out, the girl could no longer bear the silence either and so spoke first.

「Well, uh.....are you not afraid of me...?」

「Oh, why?」

「.....because I'm a taboo child」

「....is that bad? Can I hear the details about that?」

It wasn't possible for Kazuya to leave this child alone as she showed a grievous face.

「–If you want to know」

「.....」

From what Kazuya heard from the girl, having odd eyes is seen as being the bringer of calamity. Furthermore, those with odd eyes have rampant magical power and as it isn't possible to manage the magic it often goes out of control, causing them to be persecuted and detested.

「Is that so..」

「Yes....」

After hearing the story Kazuya showed an indifferent reaction, however the girl clutched the ground strongly.

「Well, I don't really see having odd eyes as being a symbol of calamities. Also, I wonder why people would persecute such a cute girl like you」

「.....you are the first person to say such a thing」

That was the first time she had heard that since she was born....

After hearing the words of Kazuya, the girl produced a smile and she blushed slightly. For a different reason than the one before.

「By the way, what is your name?」

「Forgive my impoliteness. I am Kazuya Nagato, I'm serving as the leader of the adventuring party known as Parabellum」

「Nagato.....Kazuya? That's an unusual name!」

「Really? I don't know much about that.... By the way, is it ok for you to be gone this long? I'm not certain, but if you have a maid or a servant looking after you, won't they be worried?」

Since Phyllis said that she was escorting a noble, Kazuya made an educated guess that she would be accompanied by a maid.

「Huh? I —」

The girl tried to say something, but she closed her mouth suddenly.

「Oh? Did you say something?」

「I want to stay here. Besides, that guy in the carriage, once he falls asleep it's extremely difficult to wake him up. So isn't it ok if I stay out a little longer?」

「Umm」

.....this girl must have spent a long time inside of the carriage, she probably wants a change of pace.

Kazuya thought so and decided to allow the girl to stay outside.

Kazuya moved himself and the girl to the banks of a small lake, away from their previous position.

The full moon shone beams of light that are reflected off of the surface of the water.

「.....Beautiful....」

The girl was sitting with her eyes shining across the lake. It looked almost like a painting.

「It should be okay here」

「Yes」

There were 2 tree stumps on the edge of the lake, Kazuya sat down on one whilst the girl sat down on the other.

「.....now that I think about it. I never got your name, what should I call

you?」

「Well.....it's....uh...it's...」

「Is something wrong?」

When Kazuya asks the girl for her name, she begins to panic for some reason.

「My name.....Iris. Please call me Iris.」

「Ok, Iris」

When Kazuya called the girl by her name, a vibrant smile appeared on the girls face as she seemed to be overcome with emotion.

「Well then, would you like to hear some stories?」

「Please」

Then, Kazuya began to read classic fairy tales from his previous world. Iris seemed completely engrossed in the stories.

「The stories onii-san tells me are interesting」

Seeing Iris' smiling face made Kazuya happy, as he was the one who made her smile.

「.....shall we go back soon?」

「Can't I stay a little more, don't you want me here?」

「Isn't your body getting cold?」

「....then.....if I do this, it's ok...」

Saying so, Iris descended from her tree stump. Walked over to Kazuya and sat on his knees embracing him.

.....this child is far too defenseless.

As Kazuya was surprised by Iris' sudden behaviour, he became rigid.

「Ehehe.....it's warm...」

Iris said so as she rubbed her cheeks against Kazuya's chest.

「That's good, my lady」

Kazuya jokes, his previous rigidness seemingly disappears as he strokes Iris' blonde, silky hair.

「Mufuu....」

Iris narrows her eyes in pleasure.

Hmm, she seems to enjoy it, I guess i'll keep doing it.

Time passes slowly as Kazuya and Iris stay like that for a while.

「.....」

「Kuchun!」

「.....do you want to return now?」

「.....okay」

Using Iris' cute sneeze as a signal, Kazuya decides to return back.

Chapter 03

As Kazuya walks back to the camp whilst holding Iris' hand, he suddenly hears a noise.

「～～～!!」

「～～～!?」

A large group of people emerged.

「Oh?」

Many of the people stared at Kazuya bewildered.

「Ah.....Princess.....」

Within the group of people was Phyllis, whose face was completely blue. It felt as if time stood still as she walks up to Kazuya and Iris.

「Great!! What will I do if he's done something to Princess Iris!?」

.....hmmm? Now what?

Phyllis floated a strange expression as she knelt down on one knee in front of Iris.

「First of all, it's good that Princess Iris is safe. But where on Earth did you go? You shouldn't leave our side」(TLN: Yes, *she says where on Earth, even though they're not on Earth xD*) 「I'm sorry, that was irresponsible of me」

After apologising, Phyllis' sermon lasted for a good 5 minutes. However, she abruptly stopped as she suddenly remembered something.

「Well, well. Please wait a moment Kazuya. Hey you, since it is getting very late into the night, please escort Princess Iris back to her carriage」

As Phyllis spoke, two maids walked out from the side of the carriage and walked towards Iris.

「Princess, please come with us」

「....no」

「「「Eh?」」」

「I don't want to separate from Onii-san! I don't want to go in the carriage!」

「.....」

Phyllis' facial expression instantly turned grim as she speaks up.

「Princess Iris! Such Selfishness!」

「Well, I'll escort you to your carriage instead」

「But....」

「Nn?」

「Muu....if Kazuya says so.」

After Kazuya interrupted Phyllis' outburst, he led Iris by her hand towards the carriage.

Although the walk to the carriage was short, Iris was clinging to Kazuya's hand tightly.

「We've arrived, look」

As he arrives at the carriage door, Kazuya urges Iris inside.

But before she enters the carriage, she lowers her voice so the two maid won't hear.

「(Will Onii-san also tell me a story tomorrow?)」

「Oh? Sure, if I have free time」

「(It's an absolute promise)」

「.....I promise」

Kazuya was completely overpowered by Iris, who had tears welling up in her eyes.

「....sleep well, Onii-san」

Iris glanced back as she entered the carriage with the maids, revealing a pleasant smiling face. However, Kazuya just realised something.

He would now have to explain the circumstances to Phyllis.

After seeing Iris enter the carriage, Kazuya hurried over to where Phyllis was patiently waiting.

「Now then, what do you have to say for yourself?」

Kazuya walked into the tent and was met by a large desk surrounded by 3 people. Chitose, Beretta and Phyllis.

「Now Kazuya, I wonder what you were talking about with Princess Iris?」

「Even if you ask, Kazuya would not casually speak such secrets」

「Well, I see」

「I see」

「He may even obscure the story, it's not unusual when asked about state secrets」

「Oh, I guess it's not unusual to be silently killed once you discover state secrets」

「Haha, is that so?」

After Phyllis laughed a little at Kazuya's joke, she quickly regained her serious face.

「It seem Princess Iris is very interested in Kazuya....I suppose you didn't get properly introduced. Princess Iris is the eldest daughter of Princess Aria of the Canary Kingdom.....originally, we had not intentions of letting Princess Iris meet with Kazuya」(*TLN: Torture to translate this O.O#*)just as I thought. They had no intention of allowing the princess to be seen.

Kazuya begins to break into a cold sweat as Phyllis changes the subject.

「Now, the question you asked at dinner was『Why were you at that place?』the answer to that question is that we were looking for someone

with exceptional abilities. Coming from a different world much different from this one, an otherworlder」(TLN: *I guess by “Why were you at that place?” He means what were they doing before they were attacked by the monsters*)「Otherworlder?」

Kazuya who was unfamiliar with that word, asked Phyllis.

「Don’t you know about otherworlders? Great! It is said that recently someone from another world with exceptional abilities appeared here. The oracle said that that person descended near here, so we were searching the vicinity」

「I see.....and why were you looking for this person?」

「Well. One reason is because of the increasing number of monsters. Another reason is the war between the Elsass magic empire and it’s neighboring countries. Because of these crises, we need the co-operation of the otherworlder」

Surprisingly, the reason seems rather dangerous....

「Increasing number of monsters?」

「I think we have also heard about that」

Oh, is it news?

Regardless of Kazuya’s reaction, Phyllis continues with her story.

「The abnormal amount of monsters seems to be centered around two points, however if we leave it as is, the Canary kingdom may be destroyed. With our own strength, we’re not strong enough to destroy the monsters with fighting power alone. So we need help from the otherworlder with the exceptional abilities」

「I understand the reason, but why did you have to bring Princess Iris? Surely you and your knights are enough」

When Kazuya asked this, Phyllis began to talk.

「She was to be used to help entice the otherworlder to help us」

「.....is she a sacrifice?」

「....it is so」

「What would happen if you don't find the otherworlder. How would you deal with the monsters?」

「Well, right now a fast horse has been dispatched to continue searching whilst we report back to the capital. If, after two months we do not find that person. Then.....we will directly attack the 2 points using large scale ritual magic that Princess Iris possesses」

「I don't see why you don't just use Princess Iris' power from the beginning...」

「Large scale ritual magic uses life force to power it....」

「.....」

The tent fell into silence.

「....so either way Princess Iris is a sacrifice?」

Chitose who had been silent until now, suddenly broke the silence.

「....it is as you have said」

When Phyllis acknowledged Chitose's words, the whole tent falls into silence yet again.

「Is there no other way?」

「There is, but in order to completely suppress the monsters. The Canary Kingdom would have to completely recall all it's forces, even the ones on the borders. If we do that, the Canary kingdom will fall to the Elsass magic empire」

「So instead you're looking for the otherworlder」

「Thats right, currently there are currently many allied powers」

According to Phyllis the Canary Kingdom, Elsass Magic Empire and many other countries are currently occupying varies alliances ready for the upcoming war.

The demon alliance is currently governed by the demons. Vera Girard is governed by the animal people. However, the Elsass Magic Empire is

currently the strongest on the continent and the other powers seem to be uniting against them.

「....It's beginning to get late. We'll continue this conversation later」

As Phyllis said so, Kazuya also agreed to continue with the topic the next day.

Chapter 04

Kazuya, who had parted from Phyllis and the others a short while ago, promptly returned to his tent and called over Chitose to discuss what he had learnt.

「Whether you prefer to act or not, it is still difficult to act in a conflict between nations」

「Really.....Then I guess it doesn't look good for princess Iris. On a different note, please collect information from the party of knights about the monsters in this area」

「Certainly」

I still feel sorry for Iris.....is it inevitable that she will be sacrificed for the sake of her country?

Whilst thinking this, Kazuya glances at Chitose who now has a sullen face.

「What's wrong Chitose?」

「.....」

「?」

「.....Master. I think I, who stood guard all night whilst you secretly met with Princess Iris, should have some form of reward」

「What-OWA!?」

Without even having anytime to think, Kazuya is forcibly dragged into bed by Chitose, his movements were completely locked.

The next morning....

「Nn, Chitose. Why were you so cross yesterday?」

「.....well-」

When the naked Kazuya asks the similarly naked Chitose this question, she begins to explain. After noticing Kazuya following Iris into the forest, she also followed. However, when she finally arrived she saw Iris being spoiled and embraced, causing her to become moody.

「Master?」

「What is it?」

「Please remember this. I don't mind if master wants to love other women. But....please love us all tightly」

That's not what I was thinking....

「Aa, of course....」

Kazuya had no intentions on dating many women, but after Chitose said so with a serious face, all he could do was nod.

「.....Not equally.....Killing....Mas...」(*TLN: Love them all tightly, but not equally xD*) Chitose was murmuring something near the end, however Kazuya did not seem to hear it.

「.....oh?」

When Kazuya who had finished dressing himself went outside. Iris was waiting for him outside his tent, despite it being so early in the morning.

When the surprised Kazuya looks around the vicinity a housemaid enters his sight.

「Good morning. Onii-san」

「Good morning.....Princess Iris. About last night, I'm sorry. I pray for your forgiveness」

Kazuya began to talk politely as he did not know Iris' true identity until last night. He went down on one knee, lowered his head and asked for forgiveness.

However, the attitude displayed by Kazuya made Iris upset.

「.....Onii-san. Don't be so reserved, please call me by my first name, like

you did last night」

「No.....such a thing...」

「and....because you saw me in such an embarrassing state, will you take responsibility?」

「Oh!? Princess Iris. That....」

「Onii-san. Leave such manners to others, call me Iris」

「But isn't Princess Iris a Princess? How can I, a mere adventurer do such a thing?」

「Onii-san? Can you not hear me? I'm asking you to call me like you did last night」

「Then, Princess Iris...」

「It's Iris?」

「Uh...」

「.....Iris」

「Yes, what is it?」

Kazuya finally yielded to Iris' pressure.

After subsequent negotiations, it was decided that Kazuya would call her without the honorific whenever they were with someone he trusted.

「A short while ago, when you said take responsibility....」

「Will you accept me?」

「.....」

「I hope to hear a good answer. Else I might carelessly tell Phyllis and the others what happened last night」

Oi! What's with this intimidating aura!! It's completely black!! Her atmosphere is completely different from when we first met!!

Kazuya was overwhelmed by the dark aura being emitted from Iris.

「Onii-san.....will you not take responsibility?」

「.....」

「Nn? Because you saw the princess of a country in such an embarrassing state, you have to take responsibility. I think you know what will happen if I carelessly run my mouth (Because we shared each others warmth). I, who have experienced Onii-sans warmth can no longer settle for anyone else」

In the worse case I'll be put to death.....I could acknowledge it and then run away I guess...

「I see」

「Is it true!? Will you take responsibility?」

「Ah」

「I'm so happy. Onii-san」

Iris pressed her cheek against Kazuya's chest just like she did last night, despite the fact that her maid was nearby.

Well, as long as this child doesn't take this whole thing too seriously, it should be ok.

「(Because from now on, we'll never be separated, Onii-san)」

Kazuya still seemed optimistic.

After that, Kazuya cleared up the camp and set off for the imperial capital.

However, whilst they were travelling there. Iris stuck closely to Kazuya the whole time, causing the knights to be annoyed.

Why!? Why is this happening!?

10 days after leaving the outpost, they arrived a day away.

Iris' attitude seemed to be getting more aggressive everyday.

As Kazuya was going to arrive in the capital tomorrow, Chitose got some information about the town from the knights. However, Kazuya was worried about whether or not Iris would be ok when she entered the town, so he consulted Chitose about current affairs.

「The domestic situation is extremely unstable. There are currently two factions, the Queen Isabella faction and the Prime Minister Rayben faction. Also, overseas the Elsass magic empire is currently in a war with its neighboring countries, it is also very unstable」

「Ok. Please continue to collect information」

「Certainly」

Chitose put away the written report as she left the tent.

「Ah, please wait a moment Chitose」

「Yes. What is it master?」

「I'd like to consult you about something.....What do you think about Iris' behaviour?」

「It's not necessary to worry much about that girl! I think because master is so gentle and it was the first time she properly made friends that she grew attached」

「The first time she made friends?」

「Yes, according to the information gathered from the knights. Iris is a cursed child, so people naturally keep their distance. Furthermore, even the maids seem to distance themselves. Only the recently recruited knights led by Phyllis seems to be an exception」(*TLN: Changed “Taboo Child” to “Cursed Child”*)「Ah, well. Did the strategy go smoothly?」

「Yes. There was little damage at all and the strategy has been completed. There is a written report detailing it」

「It caused damage.....I see, I'll have to see how much my level has risen」

On the report, some words were written in bold.

『Large scale bombardment of monster breeding grounds report』

It isn't good to bring personal feelings into play when deciding on the practical uses of military power. To ensure the safety of Chitose and the others, a monster suppression was needed. The fact that it could also

raise Kazuya's level was merely an afterthought.

「Chitose, shall we get supper?」

「Yes, I'll accompany you」

Kazuya ate his meal accompanied by Chitose, whilst in the tent.

Chapter 05

The encampment had been cleared and they had set off for the Imperial Capital in the early morning. Before noon, they had arrived.

Because it would be troublesome to ride the vehicles in the town, they instead opted to hide them in a nearby forested area. Half of the troops were left to guard them.

「So this is the Imperial Capital, it's size is certainly a lot different from the towns we passed before」

「That's right. Since this is the Imperial Capital of the Canary Kingdom, it has to be something we take pride in」

Kazuya separated from Chitose and sent her to the adventurers guild, whilst he continued to guard Princess Iris.

「It is a vast land circled and separated by three walls. Commoners, nobility and royalty are separated like this」(*TLN: Pretty much attack on titan*) There are many different people within the imperial capital. There were some elves with pointed ears, as well as other creatures with pointed ears that aren't elves. Such as two people who look like a young boy and girl, they seem to be hobbits. There was also a girl who seemed to be a succubus, she was wearing a racy costume. All around there were many different species. Some had bushy tails and ears, others had the lower body of a snake or a spider, those where Lamia and Arachne.

However, at the same time. No-one was smiling, they looked almost lifeless.

「Hmmm....doesn't it seem a little lifeless?」

「.....It can't be helped. We've had to raise taxes in preparation for the war with the Elsass magic empire. Furthermore, because of the abnormal amount of monsters appearing recently, we haven't been able to get food into the city, so the prices have sky-rocketed」

「.....」

Whilst Kazuya and Phyllis were having their conversation, someone was looking restlessly from within the carriage.

「I want to join in too....」

「Please bear with it. We're supposed to be incognito, we can't have you casually walking down the street」

「Ah, I was found out」

「It's good if you understand. Even so, I don't understand why Princess Iris always sticks so close to Kazuya....」

Phyllis seemed to be thinking about the various things that had happened before they arrived at the capital.

「That was also beyond my imagination....」

The two people were considering the various happenings until now.

As they arrived at some large gates, they were met by guards.

「We've arrived at the castle. The guard duty ends here」

「You're right. However, I have to report to her majesty the Queen first, with that being said.....it could take 2-3 days so do you want to come to the castle? I'll hand over the reward there」

「Understood. We should be in the adventurers guild. If we're no there, send a person to the vehicles location. There should be a subordinate there」

「Agreed. We'll meet again」

Phyllis and the others waved goodbye as they entered the gates.

But at this time, the door to the carriage was violently shaking as the person inside was trying to get out.

「That's....dangerous」

Kazuya sent a silent prayer to the two maids who were desperately trying to prevent Iris from going outside.

Kazuya who had just parted with Phyllis and the others, started walking towards Chitose's location in the adventurers guild.

「Is it here?」

「That's right」

The house had a sword and shield painted on it, just like what appeared on the map he had been given. When he asked the doorkeeper, that was the answer they gave back.

「Then, are you entering?」

Kazuya tried to open the door to the guild.

However, at that moment, the sound of breaking glass was heard as a man flew through the nearby window. The door was then completely destroyed.

「Woah! What is it!?」

「Captain!? Get down!」(TLN: *He says Captain, but he means commanding officer*) Suddenly, a soldier appeared protecting Kazuya whilst wielding a combat knife (By the way, Kazuya restricted the use of firearms in the city. That's why the soldier is using a combat knife) The doorkeeper and Kazuya exchanged looks.

Kazuya nodded once and whipped out his own combat knife as the doorkeeper pulled out a dagger. Quickly entering the guild.

As the doorkeeper entered the guild, there was no tell tale tone of battle which seemed strange. Shortly afterwards, Kazuya also entered.

「.....what are you doing, Chitose?」

In the centre of the guild, Chitose was there. Completely silent, with a face like a demon.

She was pushing a kukri knife onto the neck of a man with a wet groin, crying like a baby. 5 adventurers were lying on the floor, their clothes in tatters.

「....it's this」

「I can see that, please remove the knife from that man's neck」

「Ha」

After Kazuya ordered, Chitose removed the knife from the man's neck and sheathed it. immediately.

「Hyi, hyi....」

As the knife separated from the man's neck, he made a noise that sounded like a mix between a moan and a scream as he fell down.

「Not again....」

「I'm truly sorry....」

Before Kazuya could even do anything, he was met with an apology from Chitose.

This sort of thing had often happened in the towns they passed getting here. It seems whilst she was collecting information, she was approached by these men.

The reason is clear, all the female soldiers Kazuya summoned are beauties.

Therefore it had always been male soldier that were sent to the guilds. This was the only time he let Chitose go instead.

....oh, is it pointless?

Kazuya, who was already used to such a situation, let out a sigh.

Some guild personnel suddenly appeared carrying the 5 unconscious men out of the building. It seems this is a daily occurrence here.

Kazuya glances at Chitose.

「Couldn't you have ended it peacefully...」

「That's impossible. Those men tried to touch my body, which is for Master's exclusive use」

「.....」

I'm happy, but can't you say such a remark in a lower voice?

Since Chitose said such words loudly, the surrounding adventurers looked at Kazuya with burning jealousy.

「Fuu~ Well since it's already happened, it can't be helped. Did you at least finish your business?」

Kazuya ignores the glances of the adventurers and spoke to Chitose.

「Yes. It is complete, I also bought some slaves to maintain the newly bought house」

The business Kazuya spoke of was to gather information at the guild, then buy a nearby house to act as a safe house under a false name.

「Then, perhaps we should look at the residence」

Since their business was concluded, Kazuya decided to go and look at the building Chitose bought.

By the way, there are 4 kinds of money in this word. Copper, silver, gold and white gold. 1 silver coin is worth 10 copper coins. 1 gold coin is worth 10 silver coins. 1 white gold coin is worth 100 gold coins.

Under the guidance of Chitose, Kazuya advances into the luxury residential area. He spotted a house in the corner.

「Here we are, Master」

After entering through the gate, Kazuya was met by a ruined desolate garden.

This is it? wait....

Although Kazuya was worried. As he entered the mansion, he was met by a beautiful room covered in dust.

「It is said a merchant lived here for 3 weeks here. So the furnishings you see here have been left as is. As soon as it is cleaned, it will be habitable.」

「It must have been difficult for you to buy this mansion, Chitose」

「There was also a bigger property. However it might look conspicuous if we suddenly purchased an extremely expensive piece of property」

「Good judgement」

As Kazuya was talking to Chitose, a sound was heard from behind him.

....what is it?

Kazuya was then met with women from various races wearing maid uniforms 「Welcome back Master!! Master's wife!!」

As they stand in line in front of Kazuya, they lower their heads as they say so.

What is this?.....maid cafe? Wait, who's the wife?

Chitose who was at the side seeing Kazuya's worried expression, began explaining.

「These are the slaves I bought」

「No, no. Not that...what do they mean by wife?」

「Fufu」

Chitose didn't reply clearly, instead she showed a light smile as she laughed gently.

Kazuya who looked at Chitose fearfully, quickly averted his gaze.

....all he could see was beauties of various races.

Although they were all wearing house maid's clothes. Each person wore it in a different style.

Their age brackets seem to be between 15 and 30.

As Kazuya was admiring them, Chitose suddenly whispered into his ear.

「They are not all virgins, but I tried my best to collect as many virgins as possible」

I'm scared!! Was there a side like this to Chitose!?

Even though Chitose said such words gently, they visibly struck Kazuya.

Chapter 06

After hearing the introductions from the housemaids, Chitose showed Kazuya around the rest of the residence.

「–this will be master's room」

「Hmmm.....I guess it would be nice to rest a little」

.....the bed looks comfortable.

After being shown around the rest of the residence, Kazuya was relaxing on his bed in his room.

「....now that I think about it. How much did my level rise after the aerial bombardment?」

Kazuya, who had just remembered he hadn't checked his status in a while, opened his menu.

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[Weapon summons] Your level has risen to 55, certain restrictions have been lifted.

Weapons developed on and before 2013 can now be used.

[Amount of summons possible:]

Infantrymen: · 20,000 people (One division) Artillery · 1,500

Vehicles · 2,500

Aircraft · 1,200

Warships · 500

When these arms are summoned, the number of people needed to operate it will also be summoned. Logistical personnel (combat engineer, maintenance soldier, communication soldier, supply soldier, medic) is not included in soldier summoning, and summoned separately. The amount

of logistic personnel that can be summoned is the amount needed to maintain a division.

There is no limitation on summoning small arms and heavy arms that can be operated by 2 or 3 soldiers.

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「This is such a cheat....」

The reason for the rapid advancement in levels was due to the tens of thousands of demons that were killed in the bombardment. Kazuya rejoiced at this, the previous limitation of his ability was now released.

With the increase in scale of his army and the new weapons now available. Kazuya was anxious to return back to base and switch out the old equipment.

So he quietly left the Imperial capital, accompanied by Chitose.

In a nearby clearing, he summoned a UH-60 Blackhawk and boarded it, hurrying to the outpost.

Kazuya arrived safely at the outpost several hours later and began to summon and re-organise the base.

「First, I should summon state of the art equipment, since the old stuff isn't needed any more-」

24 hours later, the re-organisation of the outpost and home base were complete.

Because of the increase in troop size, Kazuya promoted Chitose from Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel.

Although he was exhausted, Kazuya finished up his work and set off for the Imperial Capital.

「Fuu. I'll finally be able to return to the residence and sleep. Chitose, let's go」

「Yes」

After returning to the mansion, Kazuya slept soundly in the same bed as Chitose thus reducing his fatigue. However, when he woke up, he was met by a strange report from a group of soldiers. (TLN: *Not sexually.....probably....*) 「.....in the back of the house, there's a hidden door?」

「Yes, whilst cleaning the residence. One of the housemaids spotted it」

「Did you examine the interior?」

「No, we decided to report it to the general」

「Then....let's make sure of it now. Gather some free soldiers, as well as some arms and check it out」

「Understood」

When Kazuya returned his answer, the soldiers who had entered the room, abruptly left.

However.....a hidden door, huh?....

「Master」

「Oh? What is it Chitose?」

「.....this is just speculation, but there may be an underground prison ahead of the hidden door」

After hearing the soldiers report, Chitose seemed to be brooding over something.

「Why would it be an underground prison?」

「Well, when buying the residence I heard that.....it used to belong to a slave trader...」

「.....I guess if it's because of that, it's not impossible」

Was the merchant who lived here before, a slave trader?

If that's the case then Chitose's idea is probably right.

Later, Kazuya joined up with the soldiers outside the door and discovered that Chitose's idea was indeed right.

「What is that rotten stench?.....」

「It's dreadful isn't it?...」

The room behind the hidden door was a prison, a decaying smell seemed to waft around the entire area.

Therefore Kazuya summoned Anti-NBC protective equipment. After it was equipped, he continued his search of the prison. (*TLN: Thanks comment section. NBC is protection against Nuclear, Biological and Chemical agents*) 「Be careful」

「Understood」

Kazuya advances carefully whilst illuminating the room using the flash light from his M4A1 carbine. He continues down a dark, stone paved hallway.

As he got further down, he suddenly met up with Chitose.

「Master.....this...」

Chitose was crouching on the ground, pointing her light at a rotten corpse writhing with insects.

So this is the origin of the smell....

「.....lets move it from here and carry out burial rites」

「Understood」

Whilst a subordinate carried the corpse outside, Kazuya continued to advance further.

「Is this a dead end?.....」

They arrived at a larger dungeon area, there were many corpses laid around much like the first one.

Kazuya shoots the lock off one of the jail doors with his M4A1 Carbine. He opens the door to check the inside.

「.....it's too cruel」

「.....yes」

There were many corpses lying around, most had body features related to those from the monster/animal families. There were visible signs of torture.

「Why do such a thing?.....」

「....in this world slaves are treated as mere possessions, this is especially true for the monster and animal people. In other words, how they treat their possessions is up to them」

Chitose replies to Kazuya's question with a mutter, visibly frowning.

Shit, what is with this?

Kazuya started to feel ill from the sight in front of him.

「Even the small children...」

Kazuya glanced over at the two bodies that looked like little girls, they had bruises and scratches all over. They seemed to be sisters.

「.....Uu」

Nn!?

「.....Uu」

That's impossible.....is she alive!?!?

Kazuya was initially visibly upset, however he suddenly notices the eyelids of the two girls were moving faintly.

「Master?」

Chitose who doubts Kazuya, crouches down and shines a torch into one of the girls eyes.

「.....they're alive」

「Yes!?!」

「They live!? These two people!!!?」

「That's impossible!!」

Chitose uttered a loud cry, suddenly another soldier perks up.

「Wait, there are more survivors!?」

「Is it true!? Quickly!!! Fetch a stretcher!!!!」

Another soldier quickly left to fetch a stretcher.

「Call a corpsman and a surgeon!! Hurry to confirm their life signs!!」

「「「Understood!!」」」

On the orders of Kazuya, the troops quickly rush about.

Because of this unexpected event, Kazuya was now completely exhausted.

「Tired.....」

「Good work, Master」

The final number of slaves rescued from the dungeon equalled 7, 5 from the monster group and 2 from the animal group. Vampires, Dark Elves and Lamias. The 2 from the animal group had animal ears. What are they? Dog, Fox? Maybe wolf?

They had all narrowly escaped death thanks to the full healing capability of Kazuya.

「Their condition is stable...what happens now is up to them」

「That's right. Sadly, even with my healing ability, I can't cure malnutrition. Oh right, be sure to move them to either the hospital at the home base or the outpost as soon as possible」

「Understood. It will be arranged」

「I think I've used my ability too much, I'm feeling very sleepy」

After informing Chitose, Kazuya returns to his room unsteadily.

Chapter 07

The day after Kazuya rescued the slaves from the underground prison.

Because Phyllis called for him, Kazuya went to the castle with Chitose.

「It looks like a European castle」

「It does look like that, doesn't it?」

Every corner of the palace is polished to a shine. A deep red carpet is spread across the ground, an expensive looking painting is hung up on the wall.

Kazuya and Chitose walk together whilst enjoying the castle.

「It's here」

The maid accompanying them said as she led them to the room. Upon entering the room, Kazuya spotted Phyllis who is wearing plated armor, as well as a young lady wearing expensive looking jewellery and clothing.

.....Who are you? Who is this person?

She gave off a mature feel; seemingly in her middle thirties. She was seated on the sofa.

Kazuya and Chitose entered the room.

「This way, please」

「If you insist」

「Excuse me」

The women sitting on the sofa says so, as she floats a gentle smile.

「How do you do. I am Queen Isabella Veruherumu of the Canary Kingdom」(*TLN: Iris' mother is a princess and called Aria, try not to get confused xD*) Why does a queen appear so suddenly!?

Although Kazuya was taken aback by the fact that the young woman

was a Queen, he managed to return a calm reply.

「Greetings you majesty, Queen Isabella. I am the leader of Parabellum Nagato Kazuya. This is my deputy Katayama Chitose」

「I have heard many good things from Phyllis. Apparently you have an amazing adventuring group」

「I'm....honored」

Whilst replying to Queen Isabella, Kazuya shoots a glance at Phyllis.

Phyllis, noticing Kazuya's gaze, smiled wryly.

.....I do hope you didn't mention anything strange.

Kazuya couldn't hide his anxiety whilst looking at Phyllis.

「Enough with the formalities I think. Let me tell you why I'm here」

Getting back to the topic, Queen Isabella continued.

「I wanted to thank you directly for saving Iris, as well as preventing the destruction of the Second knights squad」(*TLN: I referred to them as just "Knights" last time, but they actually define them as a squad*) 「No, we just helped by chance」

Kazuya lowered his head to Queen Isabella in a panic.

「Please don't be so modest. Regardless of the circumstances, you still rescued Iris and Phyllis」

「Haa.....」

Kazuya returned a vague reply.

「Someone told me that you were going to visit Iris once you returned to the castle, will you be going?」

Oh?

Kazuya felt uncomfortable speaking to the Queen about matters to do with Iris.

「Um....do you not want me to meet with Princess Iris?」

Kazuya says so, causing Queen Isabella to lower her face in sadness.

「Well....I also want to be with that child. However, it's too dangerous to be near her in case her magic goes out of control」

「....your majesty. Back to the main subject」

As the conversation begins to sway in the wrong direction, Phyllis interjects.

「I'm sorry. That's not something I should talk about with guests....shall we enter the main subject?」

After saying so, Queen Isabella met eyes with Phyllis.

「This is the reward for the request」

Upon the prompt from the Queen, Phyllis jingles a white bag and then hands it over to Kazuya.

The bag Phyllis handed over contained 50 gold coins and 1 white gold coin.

「Isn't this too much?」

Kazuya who got a reward higher than what it should be, asked Phyllis.

「Oh, I don't think so. For the work you did, this is the natural reward」

「Then, I will take it thankfully」

Queen Isabella handed a bag with gold coins to Chitose, at which Kazuya expressed his thanks, attempting to leave.

「Please wait a moment」

「? What is it?」

「Well, I'd like to make a request」

「Hmm....a request?」

「Yes, that's right」

Even Phyllis was shocked by the Queen's sudden request to Kazuya.

However, Kazuya could not just ignore what the Queen had said previously. Chitose and Kazuya sat back down.

「I have only one request. I would like you to become Iris' playmate」(TLN: *It does say this*)「Wha!! That....」

「.....」

「Could you please allow it, since the reward doesn't matter」

Well, I'm not really in trouble financially right now.

Kazuya suddenly fell quiet thinking about the sudden request from the Queen.

—BANG!!

A soldier burst through the doors suddenly.

Immediately after, Phyllis gripped her blade whilst shouting at the soldier.

「What is it!?!? Queen Isabella and the guest are talking right now!!」

「AH! Please forgive my impoliteness!! I have something urgent to report!!」

The soldier who came into the room glanced at Kazuya and Chitose whilst apologising.

「I don't mind. Report it」

As soon as Queen Isabella gave him permission, the soldier straightened himself out and began to talk.

「Report! Our scouts found a large number of dead monster corpses near two of the breeding zones. Some facts are still being confirmed, but apparently both field were completely burnt black, there was nothing left!!」(TLN: *Forgot what I called it before, basically a place where monsters multiply*)「Uh!? Is that true!?」

Queen Isabella utters a cry of disbelief.

「Yes! It's true!」

The soldier firmly nods, causing Queen Isabella to shed tears.

「Good! This is good! We don't have to sacrifice that child any more!」

As if not holding anything back, Queen Isabella hid her face with her hands as she shed more tears.

「I'm sorry you had to see me like that」

After the soldier leaves the room, Queen Isabella calms down and resumes talking.

「No, I don't mind」

「Is that so? Then about our talk a short while ago...」

—BANG!!

「Serious!!」

When Queen Isabella tries to get back on topic, a soldier bursts through the door yet again.

「Report!! We have new information from the scouts at the two breeding grounds!!」

Phyllis who thought the same report had come again begins to reprimand the soldier, he merely shakes his head and denies that it is.

「This is different!! This is another incident!!」

Seeing this soldier in the same state, Queen Isabella also granted him permission to speak.

「I don't mind, report it」

「Report! Elsass magic empire has invaded fort city!! Their troops number 500,000 and we have information that they are using siege warfare. Also, although this is unconfirmed. Apparently another worlder is within the enemy troops」

Huh? fort city.....

「That's impossible!?!...is that true?」

「I swear to God it's true, reinforcements are en route」

Phyllis and Queen Isabella were at a loss at the sudden bad news.

「I see.....」

「Ha」

The room grew silent.

「What should we do, your majesty?」

It was Phyllis who broke the silence first.

「How long would it take to sortie an army?」

「Because we have to recall soldiers from the border as well, it could take 1-2 weeks. Within 2-3 days I can gather around 30,000 soldiers. The fort city would most likely have fallen by the time the soldiers get there, due to the long travel time. But even if we add 20,000 soldiers onto the fort's force of 10,000. It's like adding water to a hot stone」(TLN: *As soon as the water hits it, it evaporates. As soon as the soldiers arrive, they will die*)「Is that.....so?」

The room is wrapped in a gloomy atmosphere once again.

Meanwhile, Kazuya and Chitose were worried about speaking during their conversation.

「Uh...」

「Well, I'm sorry....」

When Kazuya spoke up, the two people seemingly remembered he was there.

「I'm sorry we didn't finish. as you have heard, an urgent matter has occurred」

「I'm sorry Kazuya-san....if there is another chance to talk, we will. Take care」

The two people can probably guess what would happen to the Canary kingdom from now on.

Kazuya and Chitose remained when the Queen and Phyllis left. The sound of fussing could be heard throughout the castle.

Looking outside to see what it was, a familiar face entered his line of sight.

「Ha.....haaa.....fou...nd...you..」

「.....Beretta?」

It was deputy of the second knights squad Beretta.

「What happened?」

「That...well. Have you heard that the Elsass Imperial army has attacked?」

「Well, I did. It looks to be serious」

When Kazuya answers Beretta, she tries to grasp his clothing with tears in her eyes.

However, Chitose puts a stop to that.

「Don't touch master」

「Please move back!! You have no business interfering!」

Beretta starts to argue with Chitose whilst crying.

「I implore you! Please save my little sister!!」

The grievous voice of Beretta reverberates throughout the castle.

Kazuya upon hearing Beretta's words, moved her to an empty room to talk.

「....In other words, your little sister is within the fort city that the imperial army is conquering. You can't move yourself, because all the knights are currently mobilising」

「That's right!! The empire doesn't care about the beast/monster group and will surely rape and then kill them! Please save my younger sister!!」

Kneeling down and grinding her head into the ground, she begs Kazuya.

Chitose begins to speak, whilst looking at Beretta coldly.

「Send your master into the jaws of death because you can't go yourself, is what I heard」

「I am moving!! However, as a guard of Princess Iris, I can't leave! Normally, a group of adventurers would have no chance, but if it's Kazuya's parabellum...」(TLN: *She actually mispronounces this "Paravellum"*)「Master, you shouldn't listen」

Chitose tries to pull Kazuya away from helping Beretta.

「Such...!! Please wait a moment! Please!」

「....Chitose」

「Yes」

「Don't be meant to Beretta」

「But.....I have to do this....」

「Oh?」

Kazuya looked at the faces of Chitose and Beretta alternatively before making a decision.

「Actually, even if Beretta didn't ask us. We were planning to go to the fort city for other reasons anyway」

.....I have to return a debt. (TLN: *Not sure what this is. I'll re-check it later*)「Oh, then.....」

「Well, I can't promise anything. But if we meet her, we'll bring her back」

「....really?」

「Well, It's true」

「...You would.....Uaaa!!」

Relieved at the reply of Kazuya, Beretta leapt into his chest whilst sobbing.

「...Then please take care of my younger sister, she is called Colt Zara」(TLN: *I think the author is just using gun names haha*) After receiving a send off from Beretta, Kazuya gathered his troops.

「All members, listen up! We are going to the fort city now, it is

currently under fire from the Elsass magic empire and they've been forced into a corner. Our aim is to repulse or annihilate the imperial army. 10 soldiers from the platoon will leave for the mansion, the rest will join the convoy. Sortie!!」

「「「Understood!!」」」

Being satisfied with their reply, Kazuya left to make preparations.

「Master. Does master really need to go to the fort city personally?」

「Well, even so. It would be wrong if I didn't, right?」

「.....I see. What are you doing about the other units?」

「I don't want to let her know the full extent of my forces, but this situation is bad. Tell the soldiers at the outpost to standby. Send a motorcycle with side car out as a scout」

「I understand」

Chitose looked at Kazuya with determined eyes. She couldn't say that she wanted to stay here with him, she was a devoted assistant.

Kazuya boarded a nearby vehicle within the convoy, setting off for the fort city.

Chapter 08

Before travelling to the fort city, Kazuya regrouped with the soldiers in the forest and organised them into groups.

1st Squad

Kazuya and Chitose. As well as 10 soldiers or less.

2nd Squad

Commander Ibuki. As well as 10 soldiers or less. (*TLN: She's back! With a promotion as well*) 3rd Squad

Lieutenant Fletcher. As well as 10 soldiers or less.

4th Squad

Sergeant Funasaka. As well as 20 people or less.

Vehicle units:

Humvee

(High mobility, multi-purpose)×5

M1130 Stryker

(CV – Command Vehicle)×1

M1126 Stryker ICV armored vehicle

(ICV – Infantry Carry Vehicle)×4

M1128 Stryker MGS

(MGS – Mobile Gun System)×4

Type 73 heavy truck ×5

「Let's depart!」

Kazuya who had just finished preparations shouted loudly, beginning his journey towards the fort city.

Fort city Nashisuto. (*TLN: Sorry, missed out the name it was written in katakana as ナシスト。-> Nashisuto. From now on it will just be called "Fort city" unless otherwise stated*) The city was set up as a measure to

defend against demons, as well as the Elsass Magic Empire.

The fort city is shaped like a yen coin, there is a large castle within the centre with high walls surrounding the entire city in a circular shape.

To protect from enemy invasion, the walls are around 15 metres high and made of strong materials. The city is separated from the outside by three walls.

In addition, because there is only two gates per wall; it is easy to defend.

The walled city has been entrusted from generation to generation. Currently, it is managed by one of the three dukes in the Canary kingdom. The current head of the Lautrec family; Karen Lautrec.

Currently, there are around 15,000 kingdom soldiers within the fort city. As well as 5,000 soldiers from the dukes private army. This is not including the thousands of adventurers within the city, which has a population of around 150,000 people.

Kazuya was aiming to arrive at the city before a full day is up.

He was currently 1 hour away from the fort city.

The motorcycle scouts he sent ahead arrived with a report.

「We've received a report from the scout unit, master」

「What is the contents?」

「The outermost of the three walls has fallen. Flames are visible, as is black smoke. Also, the Imperial army is not lacking in offensive capability and are continuing onto the second wall」(TLN: *I think they stack three walls together with a buffer zone in between?*) 「.....will the third wall hold...」

「What should we do?」

「....please lend me a walkie talkie」

「Here you go」

「Did everyone hear the scouts report?」

As Kazuya makes contact with each squad commanders, an answer comes immediately.

『Yes』

『Of course』

『It was heard』

「Because of that, we will have to change the strategy. The 1st squad and the 2nd squad will merge and eliminate the enemies who have invaded the third city wall. The 3rd and the 4th squads will secure and defend the gates to the third wall」(TLN: *I think he's saying that some enemies have made it through the third wall, but others haven't*) 『I understand!!』

『Understood!!』

『Agreed!!』

Kazuya who received the reply from each of the commanders, cut off communications and handed the walkie talkie back to Chitose.

「Please be safe.....」

Kazuya clenched his fists tightly, gazing in the direction of the not yet visible fort city.

When Kazuya joined the scout unit on a hill looking down on the fort city, he looked through some binoculars, whereupon he saw an intense battle.

「Commander, look over there」

「It's pretty flashy」

Countless dragon knights perform magic from atop fearsome dragons. The bowman on the ramparts were firing vast numbers of arrows at the enemy. Even a witch is casting a magic bullet.

The magic empire had a ground unit made up of infantrymen equipped with muskets. The witch from before seemed to be taking pride in the fact

that she could control such a large number of demons to destroy the cities walls. (TLN: *Changed monster to demons, since we have a “Monster Group” of demi humans. Demons are the bug things Kazuya save Phyllis from. Monsters are like Lamias*) Also, there seems to be a corps of engineers equipped with a catapult and a trebuchet, as well as a cannon. They are firing large rocks and cannon balls towards the 2nd wall.

Shells and rocks were also being fired by the fort city, however in comparison; it was very weak.

「If I don't hurry, it could be bad.....」

Kazuya murmurs as he looks at the fort city, which is completely surrounded. He throws a glance towards the enemy camp.

However, because the enemy camp was on the north side, whilst Kazuya was on the south; it was difficult to see clearly.

Giving up on that, he sets down his binoculars and returns to his unit.

「How is the military situation, master?」

「It's bad, it looks to be a difficult battle for them.....」

I should summon as many supplies as I can, when in battle I won't be allowed to make and summons....

Kazuya subsequently loaded up the type 73 trucks to the brim with supplies.

「Ok, lets go!」

Kazuya says so loudly.

「Whether or not we complete this mission will all depend on you!!」

「「「Understood!!」」」

The engines of the vehicles reverberated loudly as they advanced.

After securing one of the gates at the wall, one of the soldiers notices something strange.

「.....I wonder, could that sound be the reinforcements?」

「Does it even matter? Any reinforcements coming now would be insignificant」

「.....It doesn't look like reinforcements. It looks like a dust cloud slowly getting closer」

「Haa?」

When the soldier said that, they both looked into the distance at the dust cloud slowly getting closer to the gate.

「.....really!? What is that!? I've never seen anything like that before!?!?」

The soldier began to cry suddenly.

A blast of wind blew away the dust, what emerged was a square box.

「Well I don't know, but they don't look friendly!!」

Upon hearing the cry of their captain, the other soldiers gripped their weapons.

「They seem to have noticed us, haven't they?」

Chitose murmured so as she saw the movement of the Imperial army.

「It would be strange if we could approach without being noticed」

The vehicle unit headed by Kazuya, accelerated rapidly towards the gate.

「Well then.....let's kill!!」

Kazuya shouted in anger, to raise the soldiers spirits.

The main reason for his anger was due to the fact that they had passed several villages on their way here. He was well aware of their brutality (They massacred villagers and hung up their corpses) so he was writhing in anger.

「Stryker 06 and 09. Enemy units have gathered at the gate, fire high explosive projectiles at them!!」

『『『Understood!!』』』

Most of the Strykers were equipped with the M68A1E4 high explosive rifle.

4 explosive shells landed where the imperial infantrymen were gathering. They had organised their swords and shields side by side to intercept the strange vehicles.

Instantly the infantrymen disappeared whilst wrapped in flames and smoke.

The wind blew and only the grievous moans of severely injured soldiers could be heard.

「What is that!? The ground unit that attacked!?」

「What!?」

「Enemy reinforcements!? Well, lets blow them up!!」

The dragon riders who finally noticed something unusual, began to descend on Kazuya.

「Anti-aircraft battle!!」

The GAU-19 installed on the Humvees and Strykers opened fire, causing a dense barrage of bullets to encompass the dragon riders, on the orders of Kazuya.

「Argh!!」

「Guge!!」

The dragon riders exploded, causing big red flowers to bloom in the sky one after another as their remains fell to the ground.

「We'll rush into the city like this. The 2nd squad follow me! 3rd squad will secure on of the gates, the 4th squad will secure the gate on the other side」

Kazuya looks into the sky as he passes down his orders.

『『Understood!!』』

『Agreed!!』

When he hears an answer, Kazuya connects a radio with the leader of the 4th squad Sergeant Funasaka.

『Sergeant Funasaka, please respond』

『? Captain General, what's wrong?』(TLN: *Old rank meaning commander of army*) 『There's something I want to say』

『What is it?』

『.....to be honest. The mission to secure the gate will be very difficult, as the enemies base is only 10km away from it. I've already requested reinforcements, but-』

Kazuya sticks his head out of the hatch of the CV, with walkie talkie in hand.

『With all due respect, I was already aware of this. With the Captain General's orders, there is no right or wrong. We will follow your orders no matter what. So please don't mind it』

When Sergeant Funasaka showed a determined reply, Kazuya merely answered weakly.

『....well then. Thank you』

『I know. Have good fortune in battle, Commander』

『You too, Sergeant』

When Sergeant Funasaka runs his Humvee parallel with Kazuya's CV; he salutes. Then the 4th squad separates from formation, aiming for the opposite city gate.

Aiming at the other gate, Kazuya orders.

『GO!! GO!! GO!! Crash through the gate!!』

Suddenly, the 1st and 2nd squad burst into the fort city which is flooded with enemies. They look confused due to the sudden entrance. One is crushed under a vehicle whilst the others are shot down.

The third squad separates at the gates and begins to secure them.

「Ora, Ora, Eat this!!」

「Master it's dangerous, please come inside!!」

Kazuya didn't hear Chitose's words as he continued firing the 12.7mm bullets wildly. He was currently using the M2 machine gun mounted on the CV Stryker.

Like this, Kazuya arrives at the second gate of the cities walls.

When the vehicle stops, soldiers pour out and clean up the remaining enemies.

「What are these guys!?!?」

「Where did they come from!?!」

「Retreat!!」

The enemies who were being attacked attempted to escape.

「Oi! Wait a moment, keep fighting!!」

「Counter attack!」

Although some brave magicians and soldiers tried to fight back, combined fire from the M4A1 carbine and MK48 machine gun quickly reduced them to pools of blood.

「「Charge!!」」

「「「Uaaaaaaaaaaa!!!」」」

The city gate is suddenly opened and the defensive soldiers from the gate pour out wiping out the soldiers like an avalanche.

Making a difficult decision, the imperial soldiers decided to retreat.

After the enemies had fled, a large number of siege weapons were left abandoned.

「The 2nd squad will clean this place up, the first squad will go meet the commander of the fort city」

「「Understood」」

Kazuya was glad that the battle was over, so he went left the 2nd squad

at the gate and took the 1st squad to meet Duke Karen Lautrec.

Chapter 09

「「「Waaaaaaa!!」」」

「Nuo!?」

When Kazuya entered the castle in the centre of the fort city, in order to meet the duke; it was flooded with soldiers who heard about the Imperial Army retreating, who gave shouts of joy, along with the residents of the city.

「I heard about it!! The one who beat the Imperial Army was you!! Thank you very much!! Really, thank you very much!!」

「Oh? Well, thanks. Please let me through!!」

「Where did sir come from?」

「Brother, come find me later, I'll treat you to some liquor!!」

「No, so let me through!!」

「Hmm, what's this?」

「Wha-!? Wait, that shouldn't be fingered!! It's a grenade!!」

Since the news had been passed down about the Imperial Armies retreat. Kazuya was completely encircled by soldiers and the residents of the fort city, who had taken shelter within the castle walls. It was not possible to easily advance.

「Well, that was an experience. Are you okay, Chitose?」

「Yes, somehow」

Kazuya, who had broken through the encirclement somehow, finally arrived at the location the soldier told him about.

「Everyone except Chitose and me, wait here」

「「「Understood!」」」

「--Excuse me」

Kazuya makes the soldiers from the 1st squad wait outside, as he knocks on the door and then enters the room with Chitose.

Inside the room there were two women who looked exhausted, with dark circles around their eyes.

One of the girls seems wrapped in a strange feeling. Her body is supple and thin and her chest area has no bulge.....it's small....

And the small girl....lady has blonde hair rolling down her back.

The other person was a real beauty, with a tall figure and a long ponytail that extended down her back.

As Kazuya was glancing at the two women, the duke opened her mouth.

「.....I don't know who you are, but you saved us. Because of your efforts, the Imperial army was temporarily repelled, you have my thanks」

Kazuya had in fact met Karen once before. However, since he was wearing a helmet and sunglasses at the time, he must have looked just like every other soldier.

「Oh~~~~~? I just came to return a personal debt. My name is Nagato Kazuya, I am the leader of Parabellum」

When Kazuya removed his sunglasses and helmet whilst saying so, Karen's eyes grew wide in shock.

「It's you!?」

「....Karen? You know him?」

Karen's subordinate; the witch Maria, asks in a surprised voice.

「Oh. Yeah, a little bit」

Mary was a little confused about the vague answer given by Karen, but she dismissed it nonetheless.

Kazuya met Karen after saving Iris' party from the group of bugs. The first town they stopped at was the fort city. They stayed there for 2 days whilst they collected the necessary resources to continue their journey,

they also carried the injured people to the church (In this world, the Church acts as a hospital as well) He met Karen on the second day (It was not a good encounter...) The details of the meeting will be saved for a later date, however in short. Kazuya was exploring the town whilst incognito and bumped into someone. The resulting collision lead to that person being pushed down and having her lips stolen. That person was Karen.

At this point you could probably call them acquaintances.

「.....」

.....I'm being stared at

Karen was staring at Kazuya with an expression as if she wanted to say something. However, there was a risk of Mary convicting Kazuya upon learning about it. So she merely coughed and continued.

「Cough!! anyway you guys really saved us. There is a victory celebration tonight, you absolutely must participate. We will talk later」

「Understood. In return, I hope that you allow us to walk around the fort city freely」

「.....well, if you want. I'll arrange for you to walk around freely, except for the restricted areas. Is this okay?」

「Well」

「Then, see you in the evening」

Saying so, Karen subtly suggests that Kazuya should leave.

「Yes, in the evening」

Kazuya who made the promise with a smiling face, left the room with Chitose.

Inside the command tent he had set up, he had just received the reports from the other squads.

「Well, did you hear the report?」

「Each squad is continuing their duty without problem. Damages are as follows; in the 2nd squad there are 2 lightly injured people. In the 3rd squad 1 seriously injured person and three lightly injured. In the 4th squad, 2 seriously injured people, 4 lightly injured people and 1 dead person」

Damage to the 4th squad is large as expected.....

「The state of the enemy troops?」

「The fort city is still surrounded. But there is no sign of movement. The enemy headquarters is also the same, it doesn't look like there'll be any movement for at least 2 days, due to the enemy suffering heavy losses」

「I see.....please tell each squad to rest up. Gather the injured people here as well, I can heal them with my ability」

「Understood.....master?」

「Yes? What is it, Chitose?」

Chitose floats back a gentle smile at Kazuya's reply.

「What did you mean by “personal debt” with the duke that you said a short while ago....could....you....tell...me....slowly....later?」

Chitose aura darkens suddenly, it's almost pitch black.

「....ah....well....it's difficult to say....it's a trivial thing, nothing Chitose has to worry about....」

It was an accident, but Chitose might not see it that way, he did kiss Karen after all.....

「.....does master make it a habit to do trivial things?」

「That...no...it is....」

「That's good then. So we can slowly and carefully talk this out?」

「.....」

Kazuya wasn't used to deceiving Chitose, he dug his own grave with his replies; silently nodding as if accepting his fate.

Night.

A small party was held to commemorate the victory over Imperial Army.

With liquor in one hand, Kazuya was leaning against the wall resting (Due to the “adult” punishment from Chitose), watching the soldiers and citizens talking back and forth.

Chitose herself had errands to run and so left early.

「.....」

After Chitose had left, Karen silently approached.

「Can I help you, Duke?」

When Kazuya asks Karen in a deliberately polite way, she glares sharply at him.

「It's too late to speak to me in such a tone, please talk to me like before」

「Are you sure? Then I'll do so」

After replying as so, there was silence between the two people. Until Karen muttered casually.

「.....for the commoner man who pushed me down and stole my lips to save us....I guess the world is full of mysteries」

「Naturally, that was an accident」

「....you are going to pass off taking a virgin duke's first kiss away as an accident? You have no idea how many times I thought about cutting your head off after that」

「Even if it was as bad as that, can't you call this making amends to a debt? Call it compensation」

「.....well....wait!! You came here with such a reason!?」

After Kazuya muttered his reply, Karen's expression hardened like

stone, then switched to a shocked expression, as if she can't believe what she's hearing.

「Reason.....well I guess that was part of the reason. The other reason was to help Karen」

「---!？」

Karen who had heard the words of Kazuya, turned away with a boiling red face.

In the mind of Karen – Kazuya went into battle to atone for stealing her lips.

In other words, he went into the battlefield where he might die for her.

= I want!!

Her thinking was like that of a young maiden after a prince.

「I haven't even prepared my heart.....to say such things to suddenly. Our difference in status would also cause a problem. We could give dating a try?」

Seemingly having made up her mind, she looked up at Kazuya with a face as red as an apple.

「Oh that's right, we still have to help Beretta」

But Kazuya didn't hear Karen's words as she was talking in a low voice.

「.....I already have a woman」

「Oh?」

In the mind of a maiden like Karen, she was convinced that this other girl "Beretta" was the reason. She experienced mixed emotions; from jealousy to irritation, yet finally settled on lovestruck in an instant.

「Do you know....Beretta? The lady who is the deputy of the 2nd knights? I think you have her younger sister here. Have you heard the name Zara Colt?」

「.....yes. I think I've met her before.」

「....oh? Is there something wrong?」(TLN: *If you guys don't get it, Karen was jealous because she thought that Kazuya was in love with Beretta, since he mentioned her. But he only mentioned her because he was looking for her sister, when she realised this she felt embarrassed*)
When Kazuya asks Karen an honest question, she trembles a little.

Kazuya saw the appearance of Karen and began to have a bad feeling.

—GOGOGOGO!

At that moment, Kazuya had the illusion that flames were burning behind Karen's back.

「Why do you say such confusing words!? Insensitive man! Dummy head!」

—DOSUN!

「GUHA!?」

A straight right hook was thrown into Kazuya's stomach.

Kazuya couldn't react in time to Karen's sudden violence, he could only crouch on the ground holding his stomach.

Karen then walks away from Kazuya with trembling shoulders.

After that, Chitose returned and saw Kazuya's beaten appearance.

「Wha, Master!!!! AAAAAA!!!」

All that filled the air was the heartbreak cry of Chitose.

Chapter 10

In the early morning of the next day, the party ended.

In one room of the castle in the fort city, the air was gloomy.

「.....」

This aura was given off by none other than Karen, who had her arms crossed with wrinkles forming on her brow.

「.....？」

Are you angry Karen? Or are you tired?

Kazuya thinks hard; he doesn't understand why Karen is so angry.

「.....」

For husband.....often.....kill.

Chitose, who seemed to have heard about last nights affairs; glared at Karen. Her hand was on her holster as if she would suddenly draw her Beretta M92 and kill Karen.

「.....」

What's with this atmosphere!?

On top of this, Maria seems to also be confused about what is going on.

「「「.....」」」

Ah....I want to leave....

Kazuya desperately wanted to rush out the room.

Their original purpose for meeting had been forgotten, they were supposed to discuss how to deal with the Imperial Army.

「...well....so...」

—It was when Maria opened her mouth to try and dissolve the

atmosphere.

—DOGANN!!

A loud explosive sound accompanied by a shockwave shocked the whole fort city.

The window to the room that Kazuya and the group were in was completely destroyed and because of the rumbling, dust was falling from the ceiling.

「Damn!! What the heck was that!?」

「What happened!?」

Kazuya was also shaken by the sudden event.

Everyone rushed onto the terrace, where you can get a bird eyes view of the fort city; to confirm what had happened.

The view they saw was beyond even Kazuya's imagination.

「....this can't be true...there were many layers of magical barriers inscribed on the walls and gate...but now....」

The third wall had a massive open crater in it.

...surprisingly....it seems as if a large bomb has exploded....

Kazuya was stunned by the events, only brought about due to Karen's mumbling. He immediately tried to contact the 4th squad positioned on the gate of the third wall.

「4th squad report!! Sergeant Funasaka can you hear me!? Please report!!」

『Cough~ this is the 4th squad's Sergeant Funasaka. I'm safe somehow...』

「Your situation!?」

『Well....we took a lot of casualties, but combat is still possible』

「Master! That!!」

As Kazuya finished radio contact with the Sergeant, Chitose pointed to

the other side of the south gate.

「What is it-?」

When Kazuya said so, a girl dressed in a white robe stepped forward from the enemies camp.

「 — — 」
(TLN: *She actually says some words, but it's in Hiragana and I think it might be weird so I'll use these characters for magic instead*) The girl stepped forward, carrying a staff bigger than herself; casting some type of spell.

「— — !! 」

At the same time as the incantation ended, the girl slammed her staff to the ground.

A great deal of magic circles appeared around the girl, various demons such as goblins, lizard men etc... appeared from within.

When the girl who summoned the demons points to the fort city, the demons give a loud roar as the simultaneously moved forwards.

『『『UOOOOOO!!!!』』』

After confirming that the demons are heading towards the fort city, the girl retreats back inside the camp.

After that, the Imperial Troops also began to march towards the city.

Kazuya was considering his options, he was considering breaking through the concentrated forces and aiming for the enemies headquarters.

This is bad....

「4th squad!! Retreat to the second wall immediately!!」

『Captain General.....evacuation is impossible....please give up on us... please....』

「What are you saying!? Don't give up!! If you don't come here right now, I'll come and get you myself!! Wait there and don't die!!」

Kazuya cut off correspondence with the Sergeant.

Before he could even begin walking, he was blocked off.

「Where will you go?」

The one who stopped Kazuya, was Karen.

「I've already decided. I'm going to help my subordinate.」

「Did you think I would permit that!? If you leave, what happens when the break through the second wall!? Do you even know what would happen!? Would you so easily send our innocent citizens into suffering because of your own selfish behaviour!? I understand your feelings....but please....give up....」

Karen said so and turned away from Kazuya, showing a depressed face.

「.....3rd squad, please retreat and help the 1st and 2nd squad in securing and protecting Colt Zara.」

『This is the 3rd squad. Understood.』

Kazuya issued the order with a light smile, that seemed strange.

「.....? You....what on Earth will you do?」

「....」

「Answer my question!! What are you scheming!?」

「It's impolite to call it scheming. But you can go up and down these walls with a rope, I will not abandon my troops. Me and Chitose will go.」

「Hai!!」

「Tsu!! Hey wait! The commander of this place is me! Are you disobeying me!?」

Karen, who realised her abilities at persuasion were not working, tried to stop Kazuya using power.

「It's bad. But we received this quest as adventurers, so we act in a way that would allow us to achieve our request. So there is no need to listen to you...I'm sorry, Karen.」

The words of apology at the end uttered by Kazuya seemed awkward.

「....tsu!! If it's like that, you may leave!」

Kazuya made a wry smile at the appearance of Karen, before grabbing Chitose's hand and leaving the terrace.

Soon, there was no-one left in the room aside from Karen and Maria.
(TLN: *They moved from the terrace back to the room at some point*) 「...
Is that really ok, Karen? Letting those people go?」

Mary asks Karen; who is seated with her head held down.

「It doesn't matter....」

Karen replies in a feeble tone to Mary; the girl who she had grown up with.

Even if I wanted to stop him, I doubt I could.....Don't die Kazuya, the man who took my first kiss....come back safely....

Karen was wishing for Kazuya's safety the whole time, with her hands closed together, as if in prayer.

At the same time as Karen was praying for Kazuya's safety.

「Master, as expected....listen」

The unceasing gunfire proved the survival of the 4th squad. As Kazuya was preparing to rappel down with the 2nd squad. Chitose was desperately trying to get Kazuya to remain there, however he did not listen.

「But!! Master is the only irreplaceable one!! What would we do if you died!? Please reconsider!!」

「Chitose!!」

Kazuya interrupted Chitose with a strong tone.

「Chitose, as a commander. I can't just send my soldiers readily into a dangerous place, whilst relaxing safely elsewhere....please understand」

「Master....」

Chitose who had heard the words of Kazuya, looked at him uneasily. However, seemingly making up her mind, she dropped her rope down the wall as well.

「Please forgive me, Master. We are loyal soldiers who will fulfil your desires to the best of our abilities. If master wanted to go into hell, I would follow him and protect him」

「Chitose.....」

「Let's go! Even if the enemy is God, we will defeat him!!」

「「「OUUUUUUU ! ! ! 」」」

Chitose deliberately shouted the last words to rouse up the troops, at which the soldiers shouted loudly whilst raising their guns into the air.

Kazuya, who had saw the state of Chitose and his troops, loosened his expression and showed a smile.

「Now, let's go rescue the 4th squad. Descend!!」

「「「Understood!!」」」

Kazuya sets off followed by his troops, descending down the 15 metre wall.

Immediately after landing on the ground, they rushed towards where the 4th squad was.

What they saw was a ghastly scene, corpses of demons everywhere, buildings destroyed by large explosions. The 4th squad were desperately attempting to hold their position in the centre of the town square
「They're coming from the right flank!」

「They're here!!」

「Wait--Captain General!! Why are you here!?」

Voices of surprise could be heard from amongst the 4th squad, who were shooting their M4A1 carbines in semi-auto mode at the oncoming demons.

But Kazuya ignored the soldier's question and asked one of his own.

「What's the situation!?」

「Oh!? Oh yes...currently the Imperial army has been launching wave like attacks at us. We have somehow endured up until now, but we're running out of ammunition!! Also, two of the squad who were scouting the area have gone missing, Sergeant Funasaka went looking for them, but also disappeared!!」

The soldier reported in a worried tone.

「I see, 4th squad!! Take the injured people away and retreat!!」

「Understood!!.....what will the Captain General do?」

「After 10 minutes, no.....15 minutes. We'll await the return of the Sergeant!」

「But Captain General! It's dangerous!!」

「It's fine, retreat first!!」

「....Understood!! Good luck!!」

After saying such a thing, the soldier shouldered a wounded soldier and retreated.

12 minutes later and the 4th squad had completely retreated.

「Master!! We can't keep pushing forward!!」

Chitose shouted whilst changing the box shaped magazine of the MK48 mod 0.

....Kuso!! (*TLN: Just means “Damn!!”*)

Kazuya understood what Chitose was saying. If they keep pushing forward, they risk having their escape route cut off by demons moving around the back.

They had held their position until now, but Kazuya was still waiting for Sergeant Funasaka.

「The demons are gone!! But the Imperial Army is coming!!」

Kazuya's voice could be heard by all the soldiers, as Imperial troops and

witches began to pour into the gap that had been created in the wall by the explosion.

Shit!!

It was clear that they couldn't hold on for much longer, so Kazuya radioed Ibuki.

「Ibuki!!」

『This is Ibuki!! What is it!?』

「Is the souvenir ready!?」

『Yes, it is ready』

Kazuya who had heard the reply of Lieutenant Colonel Ibuki, ordered his soldiers to retreat.

「1st and 2nd squad, retreat!!」

At that order, the soldiers removed the pins on their m18 smoke grenades and threw them towards the enemy forces.

As they exploded, a wall of white smoke was erected between Kazuya's troops and the Imperial Army.

「What is this!?」

「All troops stop!!」

The unit of the Imperial army who were marching towards Kazuya, suddenly stopped as they approached the smoke screen.

「It's just a smoke screen!! Blow it away using wind magic!!」

「Understood!!」

The witches in the army immediately use wind magic on the smoke screen.

「....oh? They've withdrawn?」

After the smoke screen had disappeared, not even a shadow of Kazuya's troops could be seen. They had already retreated deeper into the fort city.

「....is it a trap?....」

Feeling something strange, the Imperial army commander sent out some demons to scout the area. After they returned safely, he continued onwards.

And it was when they encountered the next gate....

「It's now!! Kill!!」

—SNAP!!

A great deal of C4 explosives and M18 Claymores simultaneously exploded causing great bodily harm to the Imperial army troops. The commander of the 2nd squad, Ibuki. Had prepared this earlier.

Because the explosion occurred inside the Imperial army, the magic barriers were ineffective.

The soldiers who were killed instantly in the C4 explosion were lucky, those caught in the M18 Claymore explosion...not so much. (*TLN: Claymores fire steel balls out, it's more to destroy peoples legs than kill them*) 700 steel balls were shot out of each claymore, tearing whatever they touched into pieces. This included the troops of the Imperial army.

The magic barrier began to fail, as the witches maintaining it had been grievously injured. So they began to retreat.

However, Kazuya would never allow that.

「Don't miss!! Shoot them all!!」

The soldiers who were trying to retreat, were suddenly met with a hail of arrows and bullets.

Chapter 11

「How was it? Did you find the Sergeant?」

「No....we haven't found him yet. But we did find the corpses of the two missing soldiers....」

The Imperial army had withdrawn after suffering enormous damage. So Kazuya had began searching for the three missing people.

Sergeant....where are you?

He at least shouldn't be a prisoner of war.

The two soldiers he was looking for had become corpses. Only Sergeant Funasaka, who went looking for them, couldn't be found.

「Terminate the search and return」

Though he was worried about the Sergeants safety, Kazuya made the decision to end the search.

「「「Hai」」」

Kazuya went back to the castle, where Maria was waiting.

「Kazuya-san, Karen is calling for you」

「Ah, I see」

After hearing that, Kazuya set off to find Karen.

「Tsu!!.....you seem to be safe!!」

「Ah, well.....6 of my men died and 1 is missing」

「.....I see」

After finding out that Kazuya was safe, Karen floated a smile that could even make flowers bloom. However, upon seeing Kazuya's facial expression on top of his voice, she felt her chest tighten.

「.....Enemies might attack tomorrow as well. Will you be ok in that

state?」

「I'm okay. Is the (Fort City) secure now?」

Kazuya asked Karen that question in order to change the subject.

「To be honest, it's not looking good. We have no problems with our quantity of food. However stockpiles of arrows and bullets are extremely low. We were saved by your divine protection this time. Without you here, we would really be done for, wouldn't we?」

「Well, reinforcements would have taken too long to get here」

「That's true.....」

After having a dark conversation about the future, Kazuya left the room along with Karen.

「Welcome back, Master」

Chitose had been waiting for Kazuya in the corner of the castle, where a tent had been set up to act as a command centre.

「Are there any reports?」

「Hai. We have a report from the soldiers at the residence. Apparently reinforcements from the Canary kingdom set off at noon yesterday」

「Noon yesterday.....how many soldiers is there?....how long will it take for them to get here?」

「It's said that the number is around 25,000. As for when they'll arrive, I'm not sure, but it seems to be harsh time wise. Also, a damage report came in, please look at it」

「Is that right.....Oh, well please show it to me」

Kazuya eyed the paper handed to him by Chitose.

「6 soldiers were killed out of a total of 50 soldiers. Because I used my healing ability, the number of injured soldiers is 0」

「.....Master」

Looking at Kazuya frowning as he read the report, Chitose called out

timidly.

「What is it?」

「Since we don't know when the canary kingdom's reinforcements are coming. We should ask for additional reinforcements from base, it's too dangerous otherwise.」

「.....That's likely」

The difference in firepower is no longer in our favour....

But....if I use those reinforcements, we won't be able to use the excuse of being ordinary adventurers any more.

Most people would be suspicious if such powerful modern weapons are used.

.....it also seems as if somebody is just waiting for us to show our full power.

「What should we do?」

「Umm.....」

Chitose seems to be lost in thought as Kazuya broods.

「.....I know. Let's just move the ground forces inside the city walls. At the same time, order the air force to sortie and prepare to set off on instruction」

「Understood, Master」

Kazuya eventually decided to ask for additional fire power from the outpost.

On the next morning, everyone was anxiously anticipating a large scale magic attack by the enemy like the day before. Before the sun had even risen, the soldiers were preparing for combat.

「.....it's not coming」(*TLN: Referring to the magic attack*) 「That's right」

But the attack that everyone was anticipating never occurred. The attack from before seemed to have just been a warning.

Furthermore, there seemed to be no movement from the enemies camp. It seemed as if the day would pass peacefully like this.

KANG! KANG! the sound of the bell that informs the fort city of an emergency situation sounded.

Kazuya who had heard the bell, asks Chitose to get in touch with the soldiers on lookout via radio.

「What happened?」

「There's an enemy fleet in the air to the rear of us, as well as a flying fortress」

「Fleet in the air and a fortress in the air?」

To verify the report, Kazuya climbed to the top of the ramparts.

「No way.....even fantasy things such as this exists....」

What Kazuya saw, was a large floating island covered in cannons. There were also big, small, thin, fat ships floating in the air either side of it.

Oh...it really does seem like an air fortress.

As Kazuya thought as much. Karen adorned in shining armor, grabbed Maria hastily at the side of him.

「Kazuya, Please allow me to ask you for one last favour」

Karen said so whilst looking at Kazuya as if coming up with some type of pathetic resolution.

「....what is it?」

「Because the kingdoms army is heading here as reinforcements. Whilst we gain time for them, would you take the civilians and join up with the kingdom army?」

「.....are you trying to die?」

「I don't want to die.....but is there any other way to keep them occupied? Anyway, this city is done for. Even if the reinforcements come, their fighting power is not nearly enough to win」

As Karen said so, she turned her sight to the large fortress in the sky.

Suddenly a man's face appeared projected from the fortress. He had silver hair and odd eyes.

『My name is Renya. I am another worlder from a different world. However, right now I am the exclusive mage of the Elsass magic empire, Gohon』

Hey, has something started now?

Due to the guys speech, everyone present was looking up at the man who calls himself Gohon.

『—and I tell the enemy of the empire. Lay down arms and surrender immediately. As long as you do that, I'll allow you to live』

Listening the the man's speech, Kazuya spoke to Chitose in a low voice.

『(Is this the so called Chunnibyou disease? It seems another troublesome enemy has appeared)』

『(Yes, that seems to be it. Since he believes himself to be a mage)』

A small explosive sound was suddenly heard as Kazuya was listening to Chitose.

Looking at the source of the sound, Black smoke was rising from the enemies headquarters.

『Was there an accident?』

『That seems to be the case』

Chitose said to Kazuya as she observed the enemies putting out the fire, using her binoculars.

Karen suddenly approached Kazuya.

『I wonder if I can make a request?』

『Well. To be honest I'm not really an adventurer, so I don't know about that』

『....? What are you talking about?』

「Oh sorry, I was thinking to myself. Is it really necessary for Karen to become a decoy?」

「Did you not hear him? If we don't do anything, we'll be completely destroyed. Or what? Are you going to abandon the monster and beast people and surrender yourself to the empire?」

In the face of the overwhelming pressure of the Imperial troops, Kazuya had not considered surrendering. Regardless, she grabbed Kazuya by the neck, drawing in close whilst blushing red.

Kazuya glanced at Chitose, telling her to holster her Beretta, whilst he stared into the eyes of Karen.

「No....it would be impossible to do such a thing」

「Then, what can we do?」

「Oh, just watch」

Kazuya murmured as he undid the hand grasping his neck. He then grabbed his walkie talkie.

「All troops. Begin plan A. Attack, start！」

『『『『『『Understood!!』』』』』』』』』

Ten seconds later, some thin, long objects appeared in the sky above the fort city one after another.

Karen was shocked, but this was understandable. What was flying above the fort city was a squad of F-22 Raptors as well as a barrage of AIM-120 BVRAAM air to air missiles.

The ships they were aiming at could not avoid the missiles, due to their speed reaching Mach 4. The sound of explosions filled the air as the missiles ate away at the ships, blowing their wings off.

The wooden ships had little to no defensive powers and were easily destroyed. Furthermore, due to the presence of gunpowder from the cannons used on the floating ships, it caused further explosions. Some of the missiles also hit the flying fortress, however they did little to no damage due to the powerful magic shield protecting it.

「.....Kazuya.....what did you do?.....」

Karen somehow managed to squeeze out her voice as she watched in shock and awe as ship after ship was reduced to a falling fireball.

「Hahaha, are you surprised?」

Kazuya said so, laughing like a mischievous boy who had succeeded in a prank.

On the other hand, the fortress was in chaos to have suddenly received that missile attack.

「Royal Oak, Prince Andrew, St Michael, Victory and Prince are sinking! Flight is impossible, prepare for emergency landing!」

「The ally fleet has taken heavy damage, retreat now!!」

「Renya!! What do we do!?」

As the damage reports come rolling in, the man pleads for a ruling on what to do.

「Why are there missiles in this world!?!?....That's impossible! Shit! They must have another worlder as well」

Renya didn't hear his subordinates pleading and began to make noise on his own.

「Renya-san? We need directions!」

Whilst wasting time, many missiles hit the barrier.

The fortress quivered due to the impact.

「Ah.....quickly! Prepare the cannons!」

Waking from his stupor, Renya's face grows red as he gets angry.

「Renya-san!? We can't! We have to lower the magic barrier to fire the cannons! The enemy will attack us when we do that!」

「Noisy! You should follow my orders silently!」

「But!!」

「Do it now you shit head!! That's an order!!」

「.....Understood」

Although the subordinate took the verbal abuse to heart, he followed the order regardless.

The magic barrier was deactivated as expected, many missiles approached the defenceless fortress.

It was not possible to deal fatal damage, as these were air to air missiles and their target was a land fortress floating in the air.

However, one of the missiles landed close to the command room where Renya and the others are. Blowing the wall off.

「HII!!」

Renya was somehow intact, however he saw the severed arm of one of his men and instantly backed away from it.

「Withdraw!! Escape from here now!!」

「But if we withdraw.....the ground unit.....」

「Noisy!! Leave them! Withdraw now!!」

Without being able to disobey, the badly bruised soldier made the fortress withdraw.

The fleet that was giving off an overwhelming pressure a few short moments ago, was almost completely destroyed. The Imperial army went dumb in surprise upon seeing this.

18 A10 thunderbolt II's flew into the field equipped with CBU-87/B cluster bombs. (*TLN: Video showing how terrifying this bomb is*) 「Are you ready!?」

『2nd platoon is ready!!』

『3rd platoon is likewise, ready!!』

「Well then! All aircraft, attack!!」

『『Ya!!(Understood)』』

On the orders of the lieutenant commander, the planes drop to an altitude of 200 metres.

The planes simultaneously dropped around 198 cluster bombs on the imperial headquarters in a stunning, precise formation.

A sound of burst air could be heard as the cluster bombs separated from their fuselage. As it falls onto the ground, it splits into 202 pieces. Causing a wide area of damage. (*TLN: That's 202 sub-munitions per bomb. So around 39,996 different explosions overall*) Thousands of child bombs explode at the same time, mercilessly decimating the imperial camp.

「All aircraft, right turn. Strafe」

The air unit which had decimated the enemy, once again returned above the imperial camp.

They flew down to an even lower altitude and opened fire, whilst in formation.

「Strike!!」

——GUVOOOO ! !

When the trigger is pulled, 7 tubes of the 30mm GAU-8 gatling gun revolve at a high speed. Bullets are shot out so fast, it is as if the plane itself is breathing fire.

4,200 rotations per minute of armour piercing incendiary rounds fired into the enemy troops, turning them into cinders.

「Ammo check. All planes return to base!!」

After a short 10 second assault, the planes returned back to base. Leaving behind long burn marks on the ground, as well as a vast sea of blood.

「The withdrawal of the enemies aircraft is confirmed」

「The air corps have returned back to base successfully, one unit has remained as a precaution」

「Helicopters will arrive in 7 minutes, ground troops in 15 minutes」

Whilst listening to the reports one after another, Kazuya was gazing at the air corps flying in formation above the city.

「....those flying machines, are they your ally? Kazuya, who the heck are you?」

Karen asked Kazuya after witnessing flying machines that flew faster than possible in this world. As well as them decimating the powerful imperial army as if they were ants. It was difficult to hide her surprise.

「....I guess it's pointless to say we're just adventurers...I'll tell you more later」

「Oh! Wait a moment!」

The voice of Karen is ignored as Kazuya walks to the command post, surrounded by well equipped soldiers.

「An order from the Captain General has come」

「The contents?」

「Annihilate the enemies surrounding the fort city. Show no mercy」

The shooter and the pilot within the AH-64D Apache longbow that was dancing in the air above the fort city, received the orders from Kazuya. They currently had complete air superiority, the dragon riders were all dead and the enemy fleet had retreated.

After thinking for a while, the ensign floated a fierce smile. (*TLN: Ensign is the pilot in this case*) 「Understood. Then let's play "that"」

「"That"? Sounds good」

The pilot began to play songs out of the loud speaker attached below the fuselage. (*TLN: I think he says this, but doesn't say what song is playing*) 「It's over」

At these words, a merciless rain of M230A1 30mm machine gun bullets and 70mm rockets was fired at the imperial troops who had already lost their fighting spirit.

After that, the Imperial army who had boasted about their numbers of around 600,000 troops, was reduced to around 300,000 from the attack by Kazuya. 100,000 of them surrendered to the canary kingdom and 200,000 of them ran back to their homeland.

Chapter 12

「What.....this.....!! Is this a dream!?」

「....No, Karen. I also cannot believe it, but this is real」

A variety of weapons had been assembled before Karen and Maria's eyes.

In the sky, lifting a variety of equipment was the MV-22 Osprey and UH-60 Blackhawk. A number of soldiers had emerged from the CH-47 Chinook that had landed at the fort city. An M777 Howitzer was being suspended on the underside of the helicopter, which contained the necessary personnel to operate it.

An AH-6 Little Bird often nicknamed "Killer Egg" was hovering above the surrendered imperial soldiers, ready to shoot 100 rounds per second, in case of suspicious movement. This helicopter takes pride in its launch speed, which can kill a person before they even feel pain. It's equipped with 2 M261 launch pods loaded with Hydra 70 missiles. As well as a M131 mini gun.

Also in the air, there was an MH-6 little bird loaded with soldiers equipped with FN Minimi's and even an M14EBR. (*TLN: Apparently the AH-6 and MH-6 are the same thing. MH-6 is for transport, AH-6 is for attacking*)

The F-22's that still had bullets and missiles remaining were high in the air, looking out in all directions in case of a surprise attack.

Furthermore, from the forest. Causing the ground to tremor, the armoured squadron made up of tanks and armoured vehicles was approaching the fort city.

「What is that!?」

It wasn't only Karen, others who could see the same sight were

completely speechless.

A short while later. The reinforcements from the Canary kingdom arrived.

「The 1st division reinforcements have arrived」

「How is the organisation of the 1st division going?」

Kazuya, who had received the report whilst in the temporary headquarters in the fort city, cast a question to the soldier who had brought him it.

「The main unit is comprised of the mechanized infantry battalion, an artillery battalion, the engineer regiment, and an armoured squadron」(*TLN: There is a difference between mechanized infantry and armoured squadron*)

「Really....I wanted a little more armour, but I guess it can't be helped. It can't all be made up of front equipment (general term for weapons and equipment used in direct battles). That being said, I can summon about 2,500 vehicles」

Vehicles other than front equipment lack strength, such as refuelling trucks, ammunition trucks, logistic support trucks used to ferry heavy equipment, even the fire trucks used back at base. This vehicle shortage problem was really plaguing his head. (*TLN: I think he's saying he needs so many different types of vehicles he's ran out of summon slots*)

By the way, the MLRS and HIMARS were not being deployed by the artillery battalion due to the vehicle shortage. Instead the M777 155mm Howitzer is relatively lightweight and can be deployed easily. (*TLN: Artillery and Vehicles are summoned separately. So a shortage of vehicles does not effect artillery*)

The number I can summon is still too small. Ah, my level should have increased after this battle. Perhaps the number I can summon will be increased.

[Weapon Summons] You can summon weapons developed and

produced up to 2013.

[Amount of summons] Your present level is: 60

Infantry · 60,000 people (1 army)

Artillery · 5,500

Vehicles · 5,500

Aeroplanes · 3,500

Ships · 2,500

When these arms are summoned, the number of people needed to operate it will also be summoned

Logistical personnel (combat engineer, maintenance soldier, communication soldier, supply soldier, medic) is not included in soldier summoning, and summoned separately. The amount of logistic personnel that can be summoned is the amount needed to maintain a division.

There is no limitation on summoning small arms and heavy arms that can be operated by 2 or 3 soldiers.

[Help] · [Ability Notes] The menu system does not have to be used. Summons are still possible through voice and thought.

Summoned munitions and equipment can be removed. However, summoned soldiers cannot be erased.

(It's impossible to erase the body of a soldier who has died. Also, if a soldier dies, you cannot summon that same soldier again) (TLN: *I think I made a mistranslation somewhere, this help menu thing said that they can't be summoned again after death*)

Whilst [In Combat] the summon ability cannot be used.

NEW Self-defence logistic personnel are now available

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....oh? Various changes have occurred since my level rose. Well, I'll

check the changes in more detail later on. Right now I should focus on the post-war process.

Kazuya sighed inwardly as he looked at the many Imperial soldiers who had surrendered.

Dealing with prisoners is pain-staking work. The manpower Kazuya had before was not enough, so he used his ability to summon more.

「Chitose, tell the Osprey to take me to a location that is not visible from the fort city. I need to summon more soldiers」

「Understood, I'll arrange it immediately」

When Kazuya landed at the location away from the fort city. He summoned additional soldiers and got them to process the prisoners, since the amount he can summon had now risen.

After that, Kazuya summoned more supplies hurriedly, in order to build a base.

Due to the extra soldiers, the shortage of manpower was solved. Kazuya surrounded the tent with a barbed wire fence that the combat engineers had made. Before calling the senior officers of each department in for a council of war.

As the council of war began. Chitose, who is the master of ceremonies began to read the military gains report.

「First, about our gains. Thanks to the air corps, we gained around 12 enemy ships that had been abandoned after being shot down. Currently, the engineer corps have taken them back to the outpost to be stripped down, since we have found that there is something called a “Magic Furnace” which allows flight. I think we'll be able to understand it very quickly. The canary kingdom have also provided technical assistance and they believe we can also use the “Magic Furnace”」

Chitose turns the page and continues.

「Next, the prisoners. There are around 100,000 prisoners. Furthermore, about 8,000 of them are either nuns or female soldiers.

200 of them are aristocrats who can be ransomed off to the Empire」

After finishing the military gains report, Chitose sits down as Kazuya stands.

「First, lets discuss the matter of the “Magic Furnace”. Can it be incorporated into the vessels we currently have?」

Kazuya asked, causing the head of the technological development department to answer.

「It seems possible. But the limit is that we can only make 1 destroyer float using all of the 12 engines we seized」

「I see. Then please continue your analysis of the “Magic Furnace” and see if it can be mass produced」

「Understood」

Begin satisfied with that answer, Kazuya moved onto the next problem.

「Next, the matter about the prisoners....does anyone have a good idea?」

Kazuya had no idea what to do with the 100,000 prisoners he had captured. Suddenly, Chitose raised her hand.

「Go ahead, Chitose」

「Hai. First, enslave them all and take them to the outpost. We can buy slavery collars so that they can't revolt. Then, once another battle starts up again, we can give them spears and use them as our front lines. The so called....disposable piece」

.....That's almost like a soviet soldier....to not give them a gun, but to make them charge with just a spear. (*TLN: Not 100% sure, but I think soviet soldiers were forced to fight even if they didn't have a gun, if they tried to retreat the commanding officer would kill them*)

「You're right, but let's keep the prisoners treatment good for now. We shouldn't utilise them as labour」

「Understood」

Chitose nods upon seeing the determination of Kazuya. Suddenly, a soldier rushed in with a panic stricken face.

「Ah! It's serious, Captain general!!」

「What happened?」

「Sergeant Funasaka!! Sergeant Funasaka!!」

「Sergeant Funasaka?wasn't he killed in battle?」

After the Imperial army surrendered, the corpse of Sergeant Funasaka was found. (Apparently, after he had been taken prisoner. He managed to somehow escape and blew up the gunpowder the Imperial army had been stockpiling, along with himself) (*TLN: That explains the random explosion from the Imperial camp*)

「He did! Which means he revived!!!」

「「「Haa!？」」」

All of the members who heard that information ushered a shocked cry simultaneously.

「Sergeant!!」

Kazuya, who had received news about the sergeant. Quickly rushed into the first aid tent in a fluster.

「Is that.....Captain General?」

Sergeant Funasaka looked like a mummy, covered from head to toes in bandages as he laid in bed.

「I'm sorry. For you to see my like this」

「Don't worry about such a thing. I'll cure it right now」

After Kazuya said so, he raised his hand above the Sergeant's body. Suddenly, a light appeared covering his hand as he activated his healing ability. Curing the Sergeant in an instant.

「Great. The injury is healed, but rest in here for a while just in case」

「Understood. Thank you very much, Captain General」

Kazuya left the first aid tent after healing Sergeant Funasaka and telling him to rest for a while.

As he was leaving, Kazuya told the surgeon waiting at the door to transfer the Sergeant to the outpost depending on his physical condition.

After confirming everything was in order, he began to return to the meeting tent where Chitose and everyone were waiting.

「Please!! Mercy!! Rescue this one!! Please!!」

The grievous cry of a female asking for help entered Kazuya's ears.

I wonder what's going on?

Kazuya suddenly stopped walking towards the tent and started walking towards the source of the cry.

「Ah, what happened?」

Kazuya, who had arrived at the field hospital, asked a nearby soldier.
(TLN: *I'm guessing the sergeant had a private room. Since he seems to have come from surgery*)

「Oh? Well, this woman is....dying. She has difficulty walking to the point where she had to be carried by the other prisoners. I want to help her, since she's still breathing, but the surgeons say it's impossible. Well it seems reasonable, but they could at least try...ah, Captain General!! Why are you here!?」

Finally, the soldier approaches Kazuya after recognising him. However, Kazuya approaches the grieving nuns.

「Wow, it's terrible」

Kazuya leaked a voice after looking at the charred body of the women.

「Captain General!! There are wounded enemy soldiers and prisoners here! Please step back, it's dangerous!! Captain general?」

Ignoring the soldiers voice, Kazuya approaches the charred body.

「You....」

Kazuya opened a space between the nuns and looked at the body.

Both feet and hands blown off, and what's more, the whole body is charred black, however there is slight movement.

「Please. Serishia....」

「Oh, would you like me to try and see what I can do?」

Most people would probably leave the body of a fallen enemy alone. However, Kazuya wanted to test the limits of his healing ability.

「Uuu....this....」

As she's in a state close to death....it takes a considerable amount of magic power.

Kazuya began to exercise his control over his ability. Using it to its fullest, whilst fighting against the sense of weariness.

Then, from her body, revival started. A hand and a foot appeared one after another. She began to resemble a person once again.

Moreover, her skin returned to a flesh colour, it began to moisturise itself. Then, her hair grew back.

「This....miracle?」

「Wonderful....」

「....I'm tired」

The nuns and the soldiers both leak their voices as Kazuya finished. What lay there where the corpse once was, was a beautiful young girl.

「Seri!!」(TLN: Gonna just nickname her "Seri" I think xD)

「Whew, I was saved...」

「Ah, sorry!!」

Kazuya drops a knife hand blow on the soldiers head, who was looking to devour the beautiful nude girl whole.

「.....oh.....」

「Ah, Seri!!」

「It's good!! It's very good!!」

「Where this for the time being」

Kazuya hands over his jacket to the girl who had just returned to the mortal world thanks to his healing ability.

「I was baked alive by that...hell fire...I should have died...but...that light...」

The beautiful girl with sleepy eyes gropes all over to ensure her body is ok.

「It's okay Seri. God rescued you」

「Now Seri. Let's say our thanks to God in prayer」

「.....」

.....but God didn't do anything.

They seem to be religious nut cases, best not to say anything.

Kazuya, who was amazed by these peoples ungratefulness turned his back and began to walk away.

「Thankful prayer!? AHA AHAHAHAH!!!」(*TLN: A Yandere is born....*)

The beautiful girl begins to mock chortle.

「Se....Serishia?」

The nuns who notice something is strange with Seri begin to stir and let out confused voices.

「In the dark, full of despair and suffering. When my prayers weren't answered. You want me to offer a prayer to the person who abandoned me?」

Surprised at the laughter, Kazuya halted his steps and stared at the girl.

The beautiful girl who seemed to have a halo on her head, had a narrowed eyes like expression.

Her emotions of fear and the feeling of defiance against the thing she worshipped and showed affection for had made her crazy.

The beautiful girl attempts to stand up using a nearby cane. Walking wobbly, she falls onto Kazuya's chest.

「I offer you my all!!」

「.....」

What....what's happening?

Kazuya was struck dumb by the sudden pledge by the beautiful girl.

「Uh.....I'd like to know your name」

「Oh, well.....my name is Kazuya Nagato」

「Nagato.....Kazuya-san. My name is Serishia Lourke....as your faithful believer, I will revere and praise you. My best regards from now on」

「Why a believer?.....Hey, did you lose consciousness?」

Kazuya was at a loss with the beautiful girl showing a pure smile in his arms, who had lost consciousness.

Chapter 13

The sound of aeroplanes taking off and landing at the runway echoed throughout the outpost.

Kazuya was busy doing various work at the office of such a noisy outpost.

It has been 5 days since the attack by the Elsass magic empire was obstructed and repelled. Sorting out the prisoners and meetings about establishing the “Military State Parabellum” had delayed work and so they were behind schedule. (*TLN: A military state is one which bases its economic model on its armed forces.*) 「Master. I have adjusted the meeting schedule」

「Oh, not bad Chitose. When is it?」

「2 days later at noon. They seem to be busy with reconstruction work」

「Really? Ah, did you get the report I asked for?」

「Yes. Here」

Kazuya began to look through the file immediately. Due to the change in Parabellum (From 1 army to 1 nation) the organisational structure had been moved around. Chitose had become the vice-president as well as receiving a promotion from Colonel to Lieutenant General. (*TLN: I think she also became the chief of something -_-*) 「It says here that the renovation of each ship is going well」

「It seems to be」

The current Parabellum homeland (The first base set-up on an island) was currently undergoing changes. One of which was the renovations of each war vessel.

The renovation was mainly to add electronic equipment such as RADAR and anti-aircraft weaponry as well as replacing the engines. This

type of remodelling most commonly occurred at the end of the second world war. Whether it be night or day, there was always something being renovated. This was not limited to just war vessels however.

「Well, after this.....」

「It is the meeting」

「.....is a meeting really necessary?」

「It can't be helped. Master's authorisation and instructions are needed on each new project」

「I know」

Despite complaining, Kazuya left with Chitose and headed towards the conference room.

As soon as they entered, the subordinates inside immediately stood up and saluted.

「We were waiting. His excellency president, Excellency Chitose」(TLN: *Yep, he adds excellency to both of them*)「Be seated」

After saluting, Chitose and Kazuya proceed to sit down as the meeting began.

「First, the high altitude reconnaissance aircraft the SR-71 Blackbird and the unmanned drone the RQ-1 Predator took these images」

The LTG of the intelligence division said so, as he took out multiple images spreading them on the table whilst putting a copy of it on the big monitor.

「About 100,000 of the 200,000 imperial troops who retreated, dispersed into the 5 forts around the border. However, after suffering that much damage, it will be a while before they can attack the canary kingdom again. Further information to support this comes from an intelligence agent we placed within the imperial army」

「Is that so? Then it seems ok to leave them alone for a while」

After Kazuya gave his thoughts on the report, Chitose opened her

mouth to speak.

「Master, why don't we just eliminate the enemies at their hideouts using a strategic bomber such as the B-52?」

「No, it isn't good to show your hand all at once. It would become awkward later on to craft counter measures」

「Judging by the enemies technical capabilities, I don't think that's something we have to worry about.....」

「Did you forget about the chunnibyou disease man in the elsass magic kingdom? We don't know his ability yet, so we should be cautious」 (*TLN: Yep, he's named the "Chuunibyou disease man"*) After hearing Kazuya's words, Chitose became ashamed.

「I'm sorry master. I did not think it through」

「No, it's okay. I'll say this to everyone, don't become complacent just because we are seemingly powerful. We don't know what our enemy is hiding. After all, magic exists in this world. Later on, it may be possible that our weapons and tactics will be useless. Just remember that」

「「「Understood」」」

After giving his lecture, everyone stood up and saluted Kazuya.

2 days later. Escorted by a AH-64D apache longbow, whilst riding in a VH-60N. Kazuya arrived for the meeting with Karen. (*TLN: VH-60N is also known as Marine 1. Used by the president on the United States*) The VH-60N landed at the landing zone the first division had set up at the fort city.

Kazuya was then greeted and directed by a soldier to the meeting room, where Karen was waiting.

However, it was not only Karen waiting in that room. There was also dozens of aristocrats, including Earl Argus, who had led the reinforcements from the canary kingdom.

After a brief self-introduction, Karen prompted Kazuya to sit down and

began talking.

「Then, let's begin」

「First, Kazuya. Who are you? Do you mind telling us?」

「Then, I'll explain」

Chitose opened her mouth and began to reply to Karen's question.

「We....」

「「We?」」

「are people who belong to the military state Parabellum」

Karen and the Earl showed a troubled face at Chitose's words.

「I'm sorry Chitose. I've never heard of a military state called Parabellum」

「That's natural, since Parabellum only showed up in this world just several months ago」

Ignoring the commotion she caused, Chitose continued.

「That is our country, Parabellum. Our country came from a different world, similar to the “Other-worlders”」(TLN: *She actually explains it like this, leading to this misunderstanding*) 「Such a thing, that's impossible!!」

「A country coming from another world!? This is unprecedented!」

「Impossible!! There's no way a country could just appear in this world!!」

「So it was something like that....well, you wouldn't have such a large quantity of strong weapons otherwise. So...what position does Kazuya hold in Parabellum? Is it General?」

Karen seemed somewhat happy after saying that. However, Chitose's next words caused the room to instantly silence.

「Master is the supreme excellency. In other words, he is the king of Parabellum」

「「「「.....」」」

The quietness of the room began to grow painful.

「Please wait a moment.....Kazuya, is what she said true?」

After begin quiet for around 5 minutes. Karen abruptly broke the silence.

「Well, it's true」

「Could you please give is a little time?」

Taking Kazuya's silence as an answer, the discussion was suspended.

.....well, the person in front of your eyes is the king of another country, who has strong weapons in large quantities. If it was me, even I would be flustered.

Whilst the discussion was halted, Kazuya was led to a waiting room by a young maid. After a short period of time, he was lead back.

「For our disrespect thus far, please forgive us」

「Please talk to me normally, since I don't mind」

As soon as Kazuya entered the room, he was greeted by Karen and the other nobles who were kneeling on the floor with their heads down.

「....if that is your desire」

After receiving the words of Kazuya, Karen immediately stood up. However, afraid of getting on the wrong side of Kazuya, the other nobles were too afraid to move.

「Even so, it's unbelievable that you are a king,」

「Were you surprised?」

「.....where you surprised!? Of course, I'm definitely surprised!!」

The talk this time continued with just 4 people. Chitose, Karen and Maria as well as Kazuya.

「(Karen!! Please calm down!! Mr. Nagato is the supreme excellency of

Parabellum. If we incur his displeasure we will be exterminated!!)」(TLN:
Forgot to mention. Technically supreme excellency translated to president. But supreme excellency can also be used and sounds better)
Maria broke out into a cold sweat after telling off Karen.

Maria as well as the majority of the canary kingdom had witnessed Parabellum mercilessly cutting down the Imperial army. With weapons that boast overwhelming strength.

「(.....you're right, I let the blood get to my head a little. But it's ok Maria, this man is still Kazuya you know?)」

After waiting for Maria and Karen to finish their conversation, Kazuya got a word in edgeways.

「Are you ok?」

「I'm sorry. Continue.」

「Well, I'd like to visit the canary kingdom officially, when can I do that?」

「I wonder.....I'll have to ask before giving you an answer, your majesty」

「Understood, will you send a messenger now? Whilst waiting for a reply, I'll return to Parabellum. The unit protecting the fort city will remain」

「Well, ok」

「Good. Does Karen also want to visit Parabellum?」

「.....may I go too?」

Kazuya was excited about taking Karen to Parabellum, so he decided to bring her -----

「.....you're a little afraid of this, right?」

2 days after Kazuya's identity was known to Karen, she was currently travelling in the VH-60N, it was Karen's first time in a helicopter.

「It would be so, since it's my first time」

Small islands began to appear in a horizontal line as the island

housing the military state parabellum appeared in sight.

「Hey, Kazuya. What's that?」

Karen pointed to the countless small grains floating in the ocean.

「You'll understand when we get closer」

Kazuya said so, deliberately withholding information.

As the helicopter approached the grains, Karen finally understood.

「That's impossible!! Kazuya, are all these ships!?!」

「That's the correct answer. This is the Navy of Parabellum, as well as the coast guard」

Around 1,000 ships were currently floating in the ocean near the island.

「Wait a minute.....if it's this big at this distance....just how big is it!?!?」

「Pretty big? When we get off, do you want to see one directly?」

「It's going underwater!?!」

「Well, it's possible. If you use a submarine」

「....submarine?」

「Does Karen no know? Well, a submarine is a vessel which can conceal itself inside the sea」

At those words, Karen showed a difficult face.

「In the sea.....」

「It's a long vessel, most of them can stay underwater for two months without surfacing」

「2 months!?! How do they breathe!?!」

Karen was astonished to hear this.

「Even if you ask that, I don't fully understand it. Besides we'll be landing soon」

「Oh?」

Whilst Karen was talking to Kazuya, the helicopter landed on one of the ships.

As soon as it landed, Kazuya opened the door and stepped out.

「Welcome to my ship, Supreme Excellency Nagato, Excellency Chitose and Duke Lautrec. My name is Captain Harris. This ship is the nimitz-class aircraft carrier commanded by me named “Nimitz”」(TLN: *Not kidding, he named his ship after what class it is*) After being received by the Captain, Kazuya followed him whilst Karen gasped at the sheer size of the nimitz.

Coming separately in 2 chinooks were Karen's personal guard as well as the nobles from the meeting. This excursion was meant to show off the strength of Parabellum. Those noble who had once talked big, instantly dropped their jaws as they were stunned.

Chapter 14

「The size.....」

Karen who walks onto the flight deck of 『Nimitz』 mutters so. Captain Harris who hears this, begins explaining the specifications of 『Nimitz』 proudly.

「The full length of the ship is around 333 metres. It's total width is 41 metres. It's load displacement is 100,000 tonnes. Maximum speed 30 knots. It can hold 6,000 people including pilots. Due to it being a large ship, it can also hold 90 aircraft」

Captain Harris laughs at he looks at the state of Karen and the others who show surprised faces. He begins to show the group the other parts of the ship.

Kazuya had also planned to show off another ship straight after 『Nimitz』

「.....It's wonderful」

Karen leaks a voice unconsciously.

From the 『Nimitz』 it was possible to see the mainland of Parabellum. The naval port boasts a vast open space. Currently, many ships were docked as sparks were flying from engineers continuing with renovations.

Passing the naval port and entering the city of Parabellum, all the roads were paved as modern buildings came into view.

Kazuya glanced at Karen and saw that she had wide eyes, much like that of an excited child.

「Hey, Kazuya. I saw that a while ago, just what is that big building?」

Karen said, whilst turning her eyes to look at something.

「That? It's a flak tower」

「Flak tower?」

「It makes up a cornerstone of Parabellum's anti-aircraft network. It is installed with CIWS Phalanx, RIM-116 RAM etc... That battery over there is the OTO Melara 127mm. The entire tower is made from reinforced concrete, in times of emergencies, it can make a good shelter」

「Yeah. So basically it's a place of refuge?」

「Sorry. I'm bad at explanations」

「Please don't worry about it」

Questions from Karen came in one after another after that. Before they even knew it, they were at the headquarters for Parabellum.

「Well, I'm going to stop here since I have things to do. Major General Ibuki will be your guide」

「Well.....I understand」

Karen says goodbye to Kazuya, showing a somewhat lonely expression as Chitose and Kazuya enter the command centre.

After finally getting to his office, Kazuya remembered something.

「Now that I think about it, I completely forgot. Did we already send Zara to the Imperial Capital?」(TLN: *The girl he originally set out to save xD*)「Yes. After the battle at the fort city, we sent her to the capital with an escort of 5 soldiers. The guards reported that Beretta was glad to see that her sister was safe」

「Really? That's good」

Whilst listening to Chitose, Kazuya continued to work without stopping his hand.

「–after this.....what's wrong Chitose? Why are you laughing?」

「Fufu. It's nothing (Finally, master is accustomed to it being just the two of us)」

After Kazuya asked Chitose that question, she replied generically whilst showing a small smile.

「How was the tour around Parabellum?」

「I'm astonished. Everything was so surprising」

After Karen had finished visiting all the facilities in Parabellum, both she and Kazuya shared a meal back at the headquarters. He was listening to her impressions of the base.

「More than anything, you seem to have enjoyed yourself」

「Well, it was very fun. Though I say that, the other aristocrats were too surprised to even speak」

「Was it that surprising?」

「Yes」

After finishing their meal, they sat down on the sofa and shared an after meal tea. Karen put her tea cup on the table as she corrected her appearance.

「May I speak honestly?」

「Ah, yes」

「.....I know it's bad, but can we be alone before I talk?」

「? I see」

After Kazuya made eye contact with the waiter, he bowed his head and left the room promptly.

But, there was one person who didn't leave the room, staying behind Kazuya.

「....Vice President Chitose, will you leave the room as well please?」
(TLN: *Might switch between excellency and president depending on the situation. The “President” is the actual translation, but it can also mean excellency*) I will not leave master alone with another woman!!

「As long as I am not in Master's way, I will not leave his side」

I won't let you get close to him. Even though I say that, I haven't been

by master's side recently because I've been so busy!!

Cold sweat begins to form on Kazuya's brow as he feels the atmosphere change.

This is....why are there sparks between these two people? Oi Oi....?

「....Kazuya. I wonder if you'll tell me what you think?」

「Uhh....shouldn't Chitose be here as well? She is pretty much like the other half of my body」(TLN: *Some weird expression, he's just saying she's so useful that she's like his other hand*) Chitose, whom Kazuya called the other half of his body, begins trembling with joy.

「...No!! But, it's an important thing, just the two of us!!」

Karen showed a haughty look as she emphasised the "Just the two of us" part. A blue vein floats on Chitose forehead.

「.....I see. Please leave the room, Chitose」

「Haa, I understand」

According to Kazuya's instructions, Chitose salutes then slowly leaves the room. She passes Karen and whispers fiercely.

「(Shit!! I should have got rid of you from the start!! You bitch!!)」

「(Ha!! Whatever, you think you can get close to master? He called me the other part of his body, are you jealous?)」

「(Kuu!.....Just hurry up and leave!!)」

「(I'm not leaving because you said so. It was Master's order!!)」

Chitose closes the door with a bang. Karen puts down her teacup forcefully.

「.....did something happen?」

Kazuya sees Karen in such a state and asks.

「There's nothing wrong!!.....please don't worry about it」

「Is that so?....」

Karen quickly returns to her normal voice after shouting loudly by

accident.

「I'll come right out and say it. What will Kazuya...what will Parabellum do now?」

「Well, first....we'll visit the Canary Kingdom」

「It's pathetic, but thanks to your help. We were able to repel the Imperial invasion. If Kazuya withdraws his troops, the imperial army will trample all over us. If you put your whole army into our kingdom for say.....one year.....then it would be possible for us to hold out. We should be able to reach a conclusion」

「Well, our military power is too different. So it would be like that」

「and....was it you who destroyed the demon's breeding grounds?」

「...well, I wonder about that」

「Fufu, then we'll leave at that for now」

Karen returns a smile and a laugh at Kazuya.

「We'll get back to that later...now, will Kazuya give the Canary kingdom a hand?」

「.....We haven't decided clearly whether or not we'll help. However, if we do help. It will be purely defensive and logistical support. It is a different case if more other-worlders come out, however」

「....Well, my mind is at peace knowing you'll at least consider it」

At least knowing they'll consider helping set Karen's mind at ease. She stroked her chest in relief as if coming up with some determination.

「....then, I have to make sure Kazuya will definitely help the Canary kingdom」

「.....oh?」

When Karen said so, she rose from her seat. She sat down on the seat next to Kazuya and leaned against him. Kazuya was confused by her behaviour.

「Didn't you say『we haven't decided clearly whether or not we'll help』?」

「Well.....I definitely said that」

「Because it will be a problem if help isn't lent at a crucial moment, I'll give you a deposit」

「.....Haa?」

Karen stripped off her gothic-style dress and left it on the floor.

She was wearing black sexy lingerie, it fit her supple body perfectly. Her skin was glossy, her body was noticeably tense as she exposed herself to Kazuya.

Karen's face was dyed completely red with joy and embarrassment as she noticed the gaze of Kazuya. Her outfit was one which would easily ignite a male's animal instincts.

「.....」

「.....」

「.....please say something」

「Oh!!....It's beautiful」

Kazuya accidentally spilled some words whilst staring at Karen.

「～～～！！」

Karen who heard Kazuya's real impressions, was dyed an even deeper red.

「.....。No No! What is Karen talking about? You should get dressed quickly!」

When Kazuya finally realised the situation, he tried to move, but he was pushed back down onto the sofa by Karen. (*TLN: Is he a reverse rape magnet?*) 「Wa! Noisy! Please be quiet, I'm giving you my first time (Virginity)!」

「Please do such a thing with someone you love!!」

「.....。You, do you think I'm giving you my body for the canary kingdom?」

「Oh? Is it different?」

Kazuya was confused. Seeing such an expression, Karen sighed.

「Hah~ It's because you're an insensitive block head. It was impossible to tell you my feelings. I'll say it clearly now. I love you!!」

「.....!?」

Karen grabbed the nape of Kazuya's neck and brought his face closer until their noses were touching. She didn't know when another opportunity like this would occur, also this was her first ever love. She had finally been able to tell him her feelings.

「.....Oh!? Uh, is it good?.....well...this is?.....」

The face of Kazuya who finally understood the meaning of those words became visibly red. he tried to say something, but stuttered.

-- Knock Knock

-- Biku!!

Karen and Kazuya hear a knock at the door and freeze.

『Master, it's getting late』

When Kazuya heard Chitose's faint voice from the other side of the door, he glanced at the clock. It was already midnight.

「.....we were interrupted. We'll continue this another time. I'll be awaiting your answer. (Kuu!! Just a little longer!!)」

「Ah, ok」

They both began to arrange their clothes whilst their faces were dyed a deep red.

「I must be leaving now」

「Well, see you tomorrow」

After saying farewell, Karen turned to doorknob trying to leave, she glanced one more time at Kazuya.

「What's wrong? Did you forget something?」

「.....Because you might not believe my confession if it's just words. I should show you with direct action.」

「Oh?....Nmu!!」

Karen draws Kazuya's face in close touching his cheek as they exchange a deep kiss.

「KISSING NOISES」(*TLN: I'm not translating this. It's just random letters*) Karen put her tongue in Kazuya's mouth and moved it around aggressively.

Chupon~ Karen seemed sorry to stop as a bridge of silver saliva was built between their lips.

「Thank you for the meal. Then, see you tomorrow」

Karen licked her red lips with her tongue, tasting Kazuya's saliva as she left the room.

「.....」

To Kazuya, the kiss seemed dreamlike. It was almost as if his soul had been pulled out.

「Is master finished now? For some reason, your face is red....」

Chitose glanced at Kazuya whose face seemed blurred and blushed.

「Tsu!! It's nothing!! We should go to sleep now」

Kazuya, who had finally come to his senses, rushed to answer.

「Ah!! Please wait a moment!! Master!!」

Chitose's suspicions deepened, as she chased after Kazuya who was running towards his bedroom.

Chapter 15

Although the air conditioning was working perfectly, Kazuya was still sweating whilst sandwiched in-between both Chitose and Karen.

「Duke Lautrec, why is your body so close to master?」

「Oh, do you not like it when I'm in the same room as Kazuya?」

「Yes, because it is master and my's private time right now」

Karen has stayed at Parabellum for 3 days already. She had quarrelled many times with Chitose over Kazuya, whilst waiting for his answer. Maria had gone to the Capital along with some soldiers. (TLN: Not sure how Maria fits into this. I think they met up with Maria.

--Con Con

「Excuse me. Remodelling of the YF-23's Black Widow II and Gray Ghost has been completed. Also, deployment of the F-23 has been completed. We have a communications from someone in the capital」
(TLN: *Ok, one of the YF-23's was described as "the presidents personal" one, but I couldn't see which one it was. Also, for some reason they say F-23 and YF-23, even though they are the same thing*) Kazuya was saved by the report by the communications officer, the two people next to him were still glaring at each other.

『-His majesty wanted to know if Karen was coming back to the Capital?』(TLN: *This is Maria*) 『I will go with Kazuya to the Imperial Capital』

『Understood. We look forward to seeing you at the Capital』

Mary and Karen finished their conversation over the communication device and Karen murmured once more.

『Something like a communication device is very useful, you can even speak to people hundreds of kilometres away』

「It is so」

Kazuya who had received the information, raised an armoured battalion and travelled to the Capital.

6 days later, they arrived at the capital. It seemed more lively than ever before.

Because many adventurers and merchants from the fort city had spread out to all places in the Canary Kingdom after the fight. Kazuya had become widely famous after repelling the magic kingdoms army. Due to this, they were treated like VIPs. A large crowd had gathered at the entrance to the city.

When Kazuya appeared in front of the crowd, a cheer arose from the crowd, the cheers spread to the inside of the city as well.

The cheers grew louder when a large formation of F-22's and B-52's flew at low altitude above the city in a demonstration.

「All cars stop, standby until my next order」

「「「「Understood」」」」

He then gave a waiting order to the unit that had followed him.

A soldier of the Canary kingdom greeted Kazuya and acted as his guide. They then passed through the castle gates. Kazuya was in the lead car. Chitose and Karen were in the presidential limo guarded by 2 Strykers and 4 Humvees.

The inside of the city was overflowing with spectators of various races. Most of them were surprised to see a vehicle move without the help of a horse or tamed demon.

Inside of the limo where the spectators were gazing curiously. Karen and Chitose were silently fighting.

「(Why do I have to be in the same car as you!?)」

「(Oh? Why do you mind. The destination is the same)」

「(Spare me! Even if you're allowed in the car, why do you have to touch master?)」

「(Does it even matter? You also stick to Kazuya)」

「(It's ok for me, I'm the property of Master)」

「(What kind of childish reason is that?)」

「(That's a childish reason!? Shit! There are other reasons, master enjoys the feeling of my breasts, it would be impossible for someone with a small chest like you!)」

「(....You dare!? It's only a lump of fat anyway. This bitch!!)」

「(Ha! You can't even retort you vixen!)」

Kazuya had vaguely noticed the quarrel between the two people and was inwardly sighing.

I'm really glad to have two beautiful women stuck to me, especially when their chests hit. I should be glad but....their aura's are unpleasant....

Before he knew it, the cars had already parked in the centre of the capital.

When Kazuya left the car, he was greeted by ceremonial soldiers of the canary kingdom as well as lively music.

After receiving a warm reception. He was escorted to Queen Isabella's audience chamber, along with twelve other people. He was also followed by his own soldiers, wielding IWI Tavor Tar-21's. Major General Ibuki was also there, with a silver case attached to his hand with a pair of handcuffs as well as Chitose and Karen.

2 strong soldiers were stationed outside the door with spears in their hands. Upon spotting Kazuya, they opened the door revealing a beautiful room.

As he entered, Kazuya noticed that a large number of people were waiting for him.

Many aristocrats and nobles were spread out on both sides of the room. Queen Isabella was seated on the throne at the front, Iris was next to her showing an excited look upon seeing Kazuya.

.....Iris' eyes are scary

Kazuya slowly walked further into the room, he felt a sense of fear at Iris' piercing stare.

As he reaches the front of the throne, he stops. Karen takes a knee and hangs her head. Queen Isabella then stands up and begins to speak.

「This is the second time you have helped us, President Nagato. I wish to thank you....」

「–Please don't mind it」

This room was only used for a greeting, were two or three comments were exchanged. The real meeting took place in a different room.

Therefore, upon completing the greeting. Kazuya and Chitose followed a guard to their private room.

「Well, I'm tired」

Kazuya took a break in the luxurious rest room he had been given for his stay.

.....It's good that our country is now firmly recognised, but a lot of things are now troublesome. I have to act as a leader burdened with a country all the time and watch what I say carefully. This type of load is pretty heavy for a former high school student.

「Master, we still have a meeting with Queen Isabella after this. Will you be okay?」

「Hmm? Ah, I should be fine」

Chitose was worried about the state of Kazuya's body, as he rested on the expensive sofa.

「Please wait a moment, princess!! Please return to the throne room immediately!! Ah!? You entered without permission–」

Upon hearing such a voice, the door was slammed open. A shadow quickly rushed towards Kazuya.

「Onii-san!!」

「Eh!?」

It was Iris, she broke into the room with a beaming smile and was currently hugging Kazuya tightly. Beretta and Phyllis entered the room as well with pale faces.

「「I was too late.....」」

The 2 people with their pale faces murmured so.

「「I'm sorry.....」」

Phyllis and Beretta apologised that they could not stop Iris from barging in.

「Supreme Excellency Nagato Kazuya, please forgive the behaviour of the princess」

「Oh well, don't worry about it. You don't have to use respectful language either」

「.....」

Chitose next to Kazuya was glaring at Iris, who was burying her face into Kazuya's chest whilst inhaling, taking in Kazuya's body odour.

Rather than stopping, she continues to muzzle Kazuya's chest strongly. Kazuya then stroked her head, at which she trembled in joy whilst relaxing her body.

Beretta noticed the state of Iris. More so, she noticed the strange atmosphere coming from Chitose.

「Uhh!! I want to say thank you to Kazuya....」

「Oh, it's sister」

「Yeah, thank you very much. I was able to meet sister again thanks to

Kazuya, I'll make sure to return the favour!」

「It's ok. Don't worry about it」

「No, I can't do that」

「Master, it will be time soon」

The “time” Chitose was talking about was the meeting with Queen Isabella.

「Ah, it is such a time.....we'll have to continue this later」

「I see」

When Kazuya turned his eyes down, he tried to speak with Iris 「Iris? Iris!!」

「.....」

「Is it useless?....Iris!!」

「Hoe~? What is it Onii-san~?」

Finally, after Kazuya started to shake Iris' shoulders, she began to reply.

But Iris, who looked up from the chest of Kazuya had a bright red face as if she was drunk.

「No, well. I have to go to a meeting with Queen Isabella soon. Did you want to ask me anything?」

「.....I came to see Onii-san for something!!」

「.....Oh? What are you talking about Iris?」

「Since Onii-san would trick me otherwise. I'll forgive you this time, so just listen to me」

Kazuya didn't know the meaning of the words Iris had said, without answering the question, Iris continued.

「After all, Onii-san is my prince on a white horse!!」

「No....uh, Iris?」

Iris continued to heat up and continued with what she said.

「There will be no more obstacles!! I want to become one with Onii-san, let's have an early marriage!!」

「「「Haa!?」」」

All the members in the room aside from Iris uttered a marvellous cry.

Chapter 16

「Then, Karen. Please report it」

「Hai, then from the first time they came to the fort city—」

After Kazuya and the others had left. Karen gave her report to Queen Isabella.

「—That's it」

When Karen had fully explained the circumstances of what happened in the fort city, the room grew uncomfortably quiet.

「...Well, from your story. We may have to change our awareness of them」

Our initial judgement was an unexpected mistake, wasn't it?

Although the overwhelming strength of the Parabellum army had been reported to Queen Isabella by Maria. Having not seen the modern weapons herself, she found it extremely hard to believe. Furthermore, Maria's points had been abstract and unarticulated, so Queen Isabella couldn't help thinking Maria overestimated them. However, after seeing the military strength brought to the capital by Parabellum, it was easy to see why the Imperial Army was defeated.

But of course, it's dangerous to downplay the power of Parabellum. After all, the entire Imperial Army was repelled by a small country. The amount of troops Parabellum used to repel the army was so little, it would have taken hundreds of thousands of troops from the Canary Kingdom to do the same thing. Queen Isabella and nobles initially thought it was due to luck, however upon hearing of the power of such modern weapons, their faces turned pale.

「In the face of such a mighty nation, was our attitude wrong as the Duke said?」

「Yes, certainly. However, we shouldn't pass judgement on such little evidence」

2 Aristocrats were mumbling together when suddenly, the one who had grown fat began to speak up.

「Do not say such a thing! We should kill the man now, since he is escort-less」(*TLN: He left his escorts outside when he entered*)

The other nobles began to grow rowdy at the words of the fat aristocrat.

「You dare do such a thing!! Wouldn't we be killed by the soldiers he has brought!?」

「What bullshit!! After hearing the Duke's speech, even if he is another-worlder, he can't use magic and he has no special power!! Also, he only has a small territory, it's not even half of our national land. So how can you be afraid of him!?」

The aristocrats pride was visible, he felt that magic was supreme.

「Were you really listening to the Duke's story? Even if he has no magic or special power, haven't you seen that thing they call science? which can create such powerful weapons. We can't even win against the empire, how can we win against him?」

「Winning against the Empire was probably due to luck. If we kill that man and invade Parabellum quickly, we should win」

「How can you be so optimistic?.....and do you know where Parabellum is? Or do you expect us to check the islands one by one? Also, from the Duke's story, it didn't seem like luck did it?」

「Well....that....」

The aristocrats and nobles begin to argue noisily in the throne room.

「Silence」

Queen Isabella raises her voice, at which the entire room turns dead silent.

「Karen. You've seen the nation of Parabellum, correct?」

「Yes」

「If we fight Parabellum, can we win?」

「With all due respect. I'd like to make this clear, It's impossible to win against Parabellum」

The nobles who heard the words of Karen began to mumble amongst themselves, she ignored them and continued.

「The military power and strength of Parabellum can't be compared to us. The other nobles who saw Parabellum in the fort city would say this same thing. Also, look at this」

「That.....what?」

「It is a present from President Nagato」

Queen Isabella was astonished at the two white items handed to her by Karen.

「Is this.....salt? No, that's impossible. To have salt this white and without impurities. Also, what is this slippery thing it is packaged in?」

「As your majesty says, it is salt. The other is sugar. It is packaged in something called Polyvinyl」(TLN: *PVC – Polyvinyl Chloride*)

「Such a thing.....」

Karen called in the guards, who brought in numerous packages of salt and sugar. Groans arose from the aristocracy who saw this.

「This is part of the goods presented to use by president Nagato. This includes 10 tonnes of salt, 10 tonnes of sugar, 20 tonnes of pepper as well as spices such as red chilli and much more」

「So much.....」

Just as a proof of friendship, Queen Isabella had been presented with large quantities of such expensive items. She finally understood the difference in power between the two nations. Speaking of the nobles, their eyes were glued to the large amount of sugar and salt currently stacked in the throne room.

「President Nagato and Parabellum—I must form an alliance with them no matter what」

As Queen Isabella muttered so, one person challenged the murmur.

「Your majesty, you shouldn't」

「Prime Minister John Leben」

The Prime Minister was said to be a ruler of a large amount of power, even more so than Queen Isabella. Many rumours had circulated that he was the shadow ruler of the country.

「We may not have a strong military, but in terms of territory expansion. We –」

「Prime Minister, I'm not worried」

The prime ministers words were cut off by Karen.

「.....Oh? and why aren't you worried?」

「Without expecting a reward. Parabellum helped burn off the abnormal demon breeding grounds and repelled the Imperial Army」

「.....Wait a moment Karen, is it true that President Nagato burnt the abnormal breeding grounds off!?!」

Queen Isabella raised a shocked voice upon hearing this.

「It's true」

「Is...that...so. In which case we've been helped 3 times by President Nagato already」(TLN: 1 -> Saved Iris. 2-> Destroyed Breeding Grounds. 3 -> Repelled Imperial army)

「Yes. Also, their philosophy is reflected in the name of their country. I'm told it means “If you wish for peace, prepare for war” . He himself desires peace」(TLN: The phrase is in latin as “*Si vis pacem, para bellum*” meaning “If you wish for peace, prepare for war”. Parabellum means “for war” so he's half right)

「.....」

At Karen's words. The prime minister grew silent and began to brood.

After the aristocrats and nobles had left the room, only 4 people remained.

「—I have received confirmation from President Nagato to lend help to the Canary Kingdom. Their conditions are that they will take a strictly defensive and logistic role. The only exception being when another other-worlder appears」

「So...unless another-worlder appears, we'll have to invade the empire ourselves? They'll only step in if the Imperial Army invades the Canary Kingdom again?」

「Yes. Because President Nagato does not want the territory. Also, he does not like to waste troops」

「I see.....you did well Karen. I'll carry out negotiations after this」

After hearing what Karen had to say, Queen Isabella instantly began to think of how to advance.

「So, Karen?」

Queen Isabella's expression changed in an instant. From a stoic one, to a warm pleasant smile as she spoke to Karen.

「.....What is it?」

「What do you think of the president?」

「Oh!? No...uh, your majesty?」

「You can't hide it very well. You seem too conscious of the president, I know exactly what you think about him」

「~~~!!」

Seeing her feelings easily seen through by Queen Isabella, Karen's face was instantly dyed red as she looked down.

「So, what about it Karen?」

Queen Isabella looked like a carnivore cornering her prey.

「Your majesty is too mean....」

After making eyes that seemed reproachful towards Queen Isabella. Karen began to speak having made up her mind.

「.....I love him」

「Oh!!」

Despite instigating this reaction, both Karen and Queen Isabella's face were dyed red. Queen Isabella was showing a shocked expression.

「Your majesty!!」

「Oh? Did I overdo it a little, I'm sorry」

Seeing Karen had gotten angry, Queen Isabella apologised.

「Well, I think you're suited for one another. We're having a meeting with him after this, why don't we propose marriage?」

「Your majesty, what!？」

「It is customary for Iris to do this role in order to deepen the relationship between our two countries, but to see Karen happy would also make me happy」(*TLN: Not sure about the second line, perhaps both Iris and Karen will marry him? Polygamy?*)

As it is now, the relationship between the two countries is not firm. President Nagato seems conscious of Karen, so it should be okay.

「.....I'm thankful for your attention, your majesty」

Karen was looking at Queen Isabella with a dumb expression for a short time, however she responded in a joyful voice.

The meeting between the Canary Kingdom and Parabellum over an alliance proceeded smoothly, contrary to everyone's expectations.

As a result, an alliance had been formed. However, the terms of it were rough and open to change at any time.

A military alliance....or I guess it's more like a non-aggression pact was

signed. It looks like they are still wary of us, well it can't be helped. We set up a base in their demon infested forest after all.

The reason the meeting didn't go as smoothly as hoped, was due to the prime minister.

Though Queen Isabella certified construction of the base by ex post facto approval at the beginning of the meeting. The prime minister gave the point that a base was constructed in their territory selfishly and without acceptance. He told Kazuya to show sincerity and provide concessions, making the treaty entirely one sided.

Because of this, the people who had followed Kazuya from Parabellum had blue veins appearing on their foreheads. Chitose in particular was trembling in anger.

「Hmm.....the alliance is formed. Now, excuse me」

I'm annoyed. The meeting isn't even over, yet he's nonchalantly leaving. The soldiers of Parabellum saw him off with expressions as if they want to shoot him dead.

「I'm sorry. President Nagato」

Queen Isabella's authority was lower than the Prime Ministers, so she could not interfere. Instead, she apologised for the way he acted.

「Because Queen Isabella is nice, don't worry about it」

Kazuya, who is aware of the power struggle in the Canary Kingdom, accepts the Queen's apology.

Since the atmosphere right now was bad, Queen Isabella was hesitating on how to bring about the subject of marriage. (*TLN: With Chitose in the room? This will not end well....*)

At such a time, Iris suddenly barged into the room. Behind her was a guard with a flustered, pale face.

「I...Iris? Why are you here?」

「.....? The meeting is not over yet mother」

One of Queen Isabella's escorts instantly put up a magic barrier. However, Iris went in a straight line for Kazuya. Sitting on his knees and snuggling up to him.

Queen Isabella and the aristocrats who saw this were dumbfounded. Chitose was clenching her fists whilst trembling with rage and jealousy.

「Mother. Marry me to Onii-san!!」

「「「「.....」」」」

Everyone in the room was frozen, Iris's remark had stopped the meeting completely.

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「So, let me marry onii-san!!」

「Iris....」

Since the meeting was pretty much over, Queen Isabella took Iris to another room, where she threw a tantrum.

「But Iris....we don't know when your magic will run out of control. What is President Nagato happens to get caught up in it?」

Queen Isabella prepared for the worst and a witch spread out a magic barrier.

「It's ok!! Because I am now able to control my magic!!」

She threw her chest out proudly and said so.

「Oh, really!?」

Queen Isabella made a surprised face and tried to seek confirmation from Beretta and Phyllis beside Iris.

「Oh, yes. Certainly, the princess has become able to control her magic」

「.....so it's true. However, Iris. How come you can control your magic now?」

「I worked hard so that I could marry onii-san!!」

Iris floated an innocent smile as she declared that.

「Is that so....」

I'm troubled. To marry off two important figures in this country at once....

Queen Isabella began to weight the merits and demerits of marrying both of those people off in her mind.

「I'm in trouble」

On the next day of the meeting. Kazuya was talking about such a thing in one of the rooms in the royal palace.

Oi, is this serious?.....

Queen Isabella had interrupted the meeting and proposed marriage between Iris and Karen. Since then, Chitose's mood had dropped abruptly.

However, this was not the only reason why Chitose was upset. Various nobles and wealthy merchants had sent their daughters and granddaughters to try and get more acquainted with Kazuya and possibly become concubines. They were approaching him rather aggressively as well.

Chitose's bad mood aside. After this, many dignitaries from the neighbouring countries will be joining in a party to commemorate the alliance between the Canary kingdom and Parabellum 「President. You came」

「I see. Enter」

Subordinates of the monster allied powers were guarding the entrance and exit to the room. Upon seeing Kazuya, they opened the door.

「Excuse me」

As I entered, I saw a man of around primary school height also entering the room. However, upon closer inspection, he seems to be an adult dwarf.

「Here you go」

As he prompts Kazuya to sit down, the dwarf begins to introduce himself.

「It is a pleasure to meet you President Nagato, Vice-President Chitose. I am Marquis Oliver Grego」(*TLN: Changed from excellency to president if you haven't noticed xD*) The man called Oliver Grego began to rush to speak, with a bitter look.

「I'll just get right to it. Does President Kazuya know that the imperial army is also invading our country?」

「Oh, well I have heard something about that.....」

「I see....ah, onto the main subject. Could you also form an alliance with our country?」(TLN: *I think I mentioned this before. One of the countries surrounding the Canary kingdom is a monster one*) 「So in short, you want me to send reinforcements?」

「....yes, that's right, because the monster army has suffered enormous damages. The imperial army can easily invade with the new weapons they've developed. In order to send them away, I need the help of the president...」

「.....what new weapons?」

The Marquis saw that Kazuya was showing interest and so disclosed important information.

「Yes. 2 new weapons. One is a magic weapon and the other is a doll automata. There seems to be several other-worlders in the imperial army」

Wait just a moment!! Are there really that many other-worlders in the empire?

Listening to the Marquis talk, Kazuya realised there were more other-worlders than he previously thought.

The marquis continued his talk.

「The soldiers morale also keeps falling, as they keep getting injured fighting against this one devil other-worlder calling himself a hero....」

Devil!?....well, there is such a thing as monsters.....(TLN: *Is he even listening?*) 「While I'm speaking like this, the Empire is slaughtering my brothers!! Please help!!」

Kazuya answers, whilst being confused at the Marquis who has left is seat and is currently kneeling with his head down.

「.....we will send an army to annihilate the Imperial Army in the

Monster Kingdom」

「Is that true!?」

「Ah, but the organisation of troops and full scale deployment could take some time. It should take about 1 to 2 months, is that ok?」

「That's fine. If you send reinforcements, we'll be saved」

「Is that so....I want some detailed information on the enemy first. So I'll send several scout units first ahead of time. I don't want to become disadvantaged due to lack of information」

Well, I'm mainly interested in seizing the magic weapons and automata anyway.

「I don't mind.....」

Marquis Oliver says with an unpleasant complexion.

「Uh.....with that, your excellency. What should we pay you for your consideration?」

.....for our consideration, well if you say it like that, it can't be helped.....

「Umm. I want water that burns」

Kazuya accidentally spilled those words. However, he was surprised at the Marquis reply.

「Burning water?.....where do we get that?」

「....you don't have it?」

「Well. There are some springs that produce burning water in the monster kingdom. I think it was called.....black water?」*(TLN: Ok, he's talking about oil)* Kazuya and Chitose involuntarily stare at each other.

「Well, uh. The burning water is certainly called that」

I should say this....I don't really have to worry about fuel due to my ability. However, It's bad to keep the stockpile for too long. So I need a constant supply. *(TLN: Remember, there are times when he can't use his ability. If the fuel he has stockpiled becomes unusable, he is screwed)* Kazuya's cheeks began to loosen at the thought of an oil field.

「I'll have to confirm it first」

「Is such a thing really ok?」

The Marquis was confused, nobody uses black water because it has no uses.

Although it was not a final decision. They decided to discuss the contents of the alliance for now.

After Kazuya and the Marquis left the room. Kazuya ordered the immediate sortie of the special forces, to the Marquis relief. They then went back and enjoyed the party.

The light of magic tools shone brightly under the moonlight in the capital. A massive party concluding the alliance agreements with the Canary kingdom and Parabellum was currently in session.

.....I wonder if I will have to attend more of these in the future.

Kazuya was currently wearing clothes similar to that of a male aristocrat. He was being stared at by many beautiful dressed up girls with twinkling eyes. He had a wine glass in one hand.

Now I just have to make sure Chitose doesn't scare everyone off.

Chitose was currently emitting a large amount of blood thirst, warding off any nobles or aristocrats who got too close.

At such a time, something slipped through the crowd. Chitose backed up unconsciously as Karen approached.

「Oh dear, it seems your very popular Kazuya」

「I don't like being stared at.....that dress really suits you」

「Really? Thank you very much」

Kazuya exchanged greetings with Karen, who seemed happy at being complimented.

「....what's wrong?.....is it possible that you have no experience with parties?」

Karen asked quizzically upon seeing Kazuya restless.

「.....you know?」

「I can. Were there no parties in your world?」

「Well, it's the first time I've participated in a party such as this」

「What do you mean? Didn't you hold a party when you made your kingdom?」

「Even if you say that. I only became a president 3 months ago, I didn't have time for a party as I was so busy. Moreover, back to the previous topic. I meant I haven't attended a party like this for aristocrats, I've attended commoner parties before」

「You surely lie」

「Why would I lie? Everything I've said is true」

「.....speaking of which, you did seem really nervous back in the throne room」

As Karen nods, remembering Kazuya from before. The room becomes noisy for a moment as a sea of people are parted and Iris appears before Kazuya.

Since this a formal party and Iris, who never usually appears, has appeared. The room grew restless.

From the mouths of the aristocrats and nobles, they talk filth about Iris.

「(Oh, look. That eye is disgusting)」

「(Shh!! That's the national princess you know!?)」

「(The youngest daughter of Anna. The odd eyed princess)」

「(What are the guards doing? What would happen if her magic goes out of control here!?)」

「(It's creepy as expected. That eye)」

「(Exactly. This long awaited party is ruined. We should leave early)」

Listening to the words around her. Iris looked down whilst clenching the hem of her dress tightly in front of Kazuya.

The dress is really cute, but it is currently being shaken in order to bear the sobbing. Iris looked up, attempting to force a smile with tears visible in her eyes. She began to speak to speak to Kazuya between sobs.

「Onii-san....I...wanted...you to see my dress....guzudoes....it look good?」

Kazuya, upon seeing Iris being so brave, was moved.

He bent down so as to be eye level with the short Iris. Then, as wholeheartedly as possible, whilst stroking her head, he said.

「You're very pretty, Iris」

「....tsu!.....tsu!...guzu , really?」(TLN: *Every tried translating someone crying? I have*) 「Yes, to the extent where I'd want to make you my bride.」

「~~~tsu! ~~~tsu! 」

Iris, who had heard the words of Kazuya and endured desperately, jumped into his chest and began crying.

Whilst embracing Iris, Karen showed Kazuya that she wanted to meet after the party.

Seeing Kazuya's interaction with Iris, the other aristocrats and nobles began to leave the party venue.

Knowing of Iris' close friendship with Kazuya, their attitude had changed. Was my actions towards Iris ok? Kazuya thought.

Kazuya entrusted Iris to Beretta and Phyllis who escorted her back to her room, as she had fallen asleep whilst crying.

「Oh?....I thought you wouldn't come back」

「The star of the party can't just disappear」

Returning to the meeting place, Karen was waiting for Kazuya.

「I wonder if that's right? Anyway, let's talk on the terrace」

Kazuya walked onto the small terrace, after being directed by Karen.

「That was pretty bad a short while ago, wasn't it?」

「Well....」

「How is the princess?」

「She was tired from crying, so she fell asleep」

「Really....」

Kazuya told Karen, whilst looking up at the moon shining in the nights sky.

「Karen?」

「What?」

「Does Karen think that Iris' eyes are disgusting as well?」

「I don't. However, in this country, having odd eyes is seen as being unclean」

「Really」

After that, the terrace was wrapped in silence.

「I've heard that Kazuya is going to dispatch troops to the monster kingdom?」

As if suddenly remembering, Karen broke the silence.

「You have pretty good ears.....」

「Oh, aren't they ordinary?」

Karen answered, whilst giving a bitter smile.

「...I've heard that the monster kingdom is in a pretty bad situation. Mainly due to the large quantities of magic weapons and automata. Parabellum is currently gathering information」

Kazuya said whilst handing other an aerial shot from the RQ-1 Predator.

「...Kazuya is full of surprises, isn't he?」

Karen said whilst looking at the aerial photograph, like an elaborately drawn painting.

It showed magic weapons as well as something that looked like mannequin. It was around 6-7 metres tall, it had small hands and feet and an egg shaped head. Karen also saw a doll there with a single eye on it's forehead.

「.....God weapon」

「God weapon, what's that?」

Kazuya reacted to the murmur of Karen.

「There is a myth that says the God of the Lowen religion handed down weapons to his followers, in order to exterminate the monster race, alongside the beast race. I have studied the religion previously in order to gain knowledge of our enemies. There were descriptions for the magic weapons and automata inside」

「Myth.....by the way, what type of description was it?」

「It spoke of『Immortal Soldiers』with the appearance of『Mechanical Giants』, that could revive even when killed. It also spoke of『Light pillars of divine fire』That could even kill dragons. As well as a sacred place that only the believers of God could go」

「Whether such a story is true....」

「Anyway it's a myth, It's unrelated to the current weapons」

「Is that so?」

The confidential talk between the two people continued on for a while.